



For Him and Through Him

October 2013

Prayer Requests:

- David and I, as we continue to plan for our wedding day & for a lifetime of marriage
- Praise God for the Western PA Fall Retreat turnout. Nearly 130 students attended.
- The freshman Bible studies would be places of growth, fellowship and outward impact

Of the many things I'm thankful for, I am incredibly thankful that we have a God who is powerful and caring enough to answer our prayers. And for you, who follow His example by fervently praying! As you can see in the picture below, we had 33 IUP students come to our Fall Retreat A huge answer to prayer! This a great time for students to take a break from campus, connect with other believers with great fellowship and "experience the heart of God" through our guest speaker. This was our theme for the weekend and our speaker led the group through Ephesians one to take a deeper look at God's view of us.

midst of my uncertainties. Our band and our IUP prayer team leaders led an hour and a half of unique praise and prayer. They took us through the basics of prayer (**A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication). One by one, I saw students moved by the presence of God, allowing Him to break down walls. Over 100 college students filled the room opening their hearts to God and each other.

During the time of Thanksgiving, our prayer team leader challenged everyone in the room to express thankfulness for three people in their life. Not tomorrow, not next month, but right then and there. I saw our nine freshman women standing up going person to person hugging and holding back tears as they expressed their appreciation for the new relationships they've found in Cru.



The women of my freshman Bible study were part of that attendance. Five out of my six girls were able to come and it was a joy to see each one arrive, knowing how much of an impact this weekend could have. One of the events for the weekend was a "concert of prayer." This has notoriously been one of the most memorable parts of fall retreats. Last year, I was the one crying- totally humbled by the way God was using me in the

My Bible study girls have been a huge highlight of this semester. Not only have they been at Bible study digging into His Word, but two of them have already been consistently coming to Cru's Outreach team meetings. After our fall retreat, we have a total of six brand new students coming to those meetings!! The outreach team's focus is leading the movement in reaching the campus for Christ. And these freshman and new transfer students want to be a part of that! Oh the possibilities!