



CI se-up On Campus

Campus Ministry in Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic



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Accidents Or God Incidents

“It was an accident, a beautiful accident,” Lisa* laughed, as she began to share her story with Ashley. Lisa, raised in China, had always been taught God didn’t exist. So last year after she chose a US high school to attend for her exchange program she was very surprised to arrive at a Christian high school! She hadn’t set out to learn about God, but He passionately pursued her, and by the end of the year, between this school and her host family she heard the gospel and placed her faith in Christ!



Lisa at one of our Cru events



can do, stirring a heart to seek Christ.

While most freshmen are terrified to ask their friends personal questions, Lisa within the first three weeks had already begun spiritual conversations with all her roommates. Imagine that: a girl new to the faith, new to the country and culture, new to the college and not knowing any one – yet bold to talk about her faith.

“It seems like many Americans believe there is a God, but they aren’t really responding to Him, their lives aren’t changed because of it.” How sobering to see our country through her perspective, yet how encouraging to see her heart and Jesus working through her. Join with us in praying for Lisa and for the plans God has for her as she shines brightly in a dark place.

*Lisa’ is used here to protect this Chinese student’s real name

Movements On The Rise

Growing where we are, going where we’re not. That has become the oft-quoted vision as we aim to reach tens of thousands of college students across Western PA. With movements currently at IUP, St Francis, Mt Aloysius and Penn Highlands, we are praying to get to Pitt Johnstown, Penn State Altoona, Pitt Greensburg, WCCC and others.

The scope is wide, and the manpower is thin, but we all rejoice when God shows

up in large ways. For the past several years, St Francis has seen 20-30 students involved and attending the meetings. But since day one of this school year, literally twice as many are consistently coming, growing, serving and inviting others to the movement! While there are many reasons why movements grow, we’re reminded of the Psalm, ‘Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it’ (127:1). Praise Him for this growth and pray He would sustain it.

Bible Thought:

“Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...”
Philippians 1:27

Book Recommendation:

Questioning Evangelism
by Randy Newman

Please Pray

- Fall Retreat (Oct 17-19) would draw many students and launch them to live the rest of this semester on mission to reach others for Him
- God’s hand on student leader, Tyler, as his stepdad underwent serious hospital time. Large burden to bear
- For our hearts in the aftermath at our home church

Praise God!

- Several women have stepped up to intentionally develop a women’s ministry.
- Young leaders like Luke are giving lift to ministry teams and setting a great example for future leaders

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

Until all hear, (Col 4:3-4)

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