



CLose-up On Campus

Campus Ministry in New York City and the Northeast (Liberty) Region



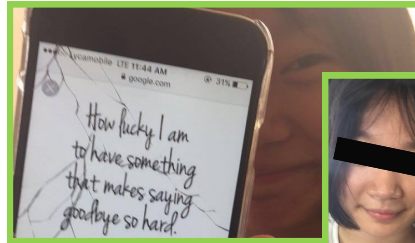
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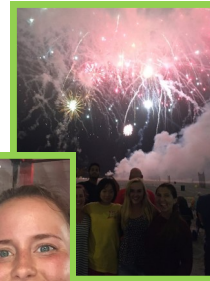
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The Caller And The Qualifier

Students left the summer mission in Wildwood, NJ a few weeks ago, and they're surprised to see how God used them! UConn junior, Ashlyn, came on mission by faith, committing her summer to the Lord even while feeling like "she didn't deserve to be here."



Ashlyn & Becky spent the rest of the summer together



One night at the weekly International Café, Ashlyn introduced Ashley to her "new friend Becky," an international student from China. The three chatted for awhile about Becky's experience in the U.S. when Becky quickly changed topics. Curious about these Christians hosting so many internationals she asked Ashlyn how and why she became a Christian. Ashlyn was surprised and stumbled over her response. "I'm sorry, I've never shared that with anyone before," she apologized. Beaming back at her, Becky smiled unphased, "I am so honored that I'm the first one you shared this with."

They planned to meet up again so Ashlyn could explore the Bible with her. Despite feelings of insecurity and a lack of knowledge Ashlyn leaned into Christ. She continued to build a relationship with Becky and answer her questions about the Christian faith.

Later in the summer Ashley got a call from Ashlyn. God had honored her faithfulness. Becky gave her life to

Christ! They both rejoiced over the phone knowing that He is both the Caller and the Qualifier.

Not only this, but Becky also gained a summer-long, welcoming community with our Wildwood Summer Mission students. Isn't He good?! Pray that Becky would be able to connect to believers in her home country as she returns for a new college year.

NYC Fast Fact

New York City was originally called New Amsterdam in 1626 by Dutch settlers

Fall 2016 Here We Come!

It's a brand new school year in NYC! Incoming freshmen at NYU will be wide-eyed and full of hope as they feast their eyes on the City That Never Sleeps, some for the first time. All the more reason for us to be active, inviting, and ready for God to move during the legendary Welcome Week. We are trusting Him to see the number of engaged freshmen double by the end of the year. We'll host events walking across the Brooklyn Bridge, visiting the One World Trade Center and exploring the city to help students acclimate. Where some schools have 'cheesy' or 'uncool' welcome events these events always see hundreds! Pray for our staff team and students to engage well, love well and sprint well through the first two weeks of the school year.

Pray also for Kristen, our star NYU leader, who will be a senior this year. She's also landed the highly sought after RA job in a freshmen Hall (bonus: her director happens to go to our church!).

Bible Thought:

"Why are you in despair, O my soul?... Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.."
Psalms 42:11

Book Recommendation:

Fireseeds of Spiritual Awakening
by Dan Hayes

Please Pray

- Becky to connect with other believers back home and grow spiritually
- Stamina and Spirit-directed conversations for staff and students during Welcome Week outreaches
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

Praise God!

- Fantastic end to WWSM. hundreds heard the gospel, 25 accepted Christ and several of those were followed up by our students
- Beginning of staff teams focused solely on Queens and Brooklyn. They should launch this school year!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

David & Ashley
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