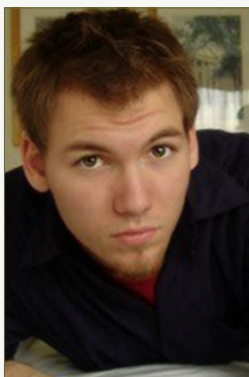


Miracles of Ministry: On Campus

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Year 1 Letter 1

The Beginning of an Amazing Journey



Starting With God

What a privilege it has been to follow God and His leading this summer. This has assuredly been the most challenging summer I have faced to date, but it has also been among the most rewarding as God has drawn me closer than ever before into a faith-building relationship with Him. I would like to begin this letter with my great appreciation for your prayers, encouragement and support. The students of the region are experiencing the Gospel, and God is using you to accomplish this purpose.

My original intent when I began the process of joining staff as an intern with Campus Crusade was to utilize video to help complete a growing production team in Philadelphia. God has since brought me back to my alma mater (IUP), another area of great need.



MOUNT ALOYSIUS

Where do I go?

As the summer came to a close I was set for heading out to Philadelphia with a deal for free housing and about 90 % of my support. Then, in one day, the housing deal fell through, and I dropped to about 65 %. I was confused and upset trying to understand what God's plan could possibly be through this. That Monday I drove down to IUP to meet with the regional coach, and when I left, a missions-minded couple from my church at school offered to let me stay with them for the year! In another day all my support returned and I was able to report with full-time status in the Western Pennsylvania region! God blew me away, because I worried and fought about the result when God had a plan the whole time. All of this happened, and I reported within a week and a half's time!

The Focus

Now, I will be spending about two thirds of my time leading Bible studies, discipling guys, initiating spiritual conversations and sharing the Gospel with students at Mount Aloysius and Saint Francis (both Catholic Schools) as well as some regional Pittsburgh schools and my alma mater, IUP. The other third will be as a video producer in the area, sometimes free-lancing and sometimes working with the Philly team (King Fisher Media) with the purpose of reaching students for Christ. (Be sure to keep up with all my latest video projects at my youtube address www.youtube.com/goliathbane86)

The newest one, Radiate08, should be coming out before September is over).

Here is what I face as a new Intern in the region. IUP has a whopping 166 students showing up to the weekly meetings on a consistent basis, in fact the number keeps growing! There aren't enough chairs for all of them in the room we have! Freshman are stepping up to leadership positions before a month of classes have even finished! One girls' Bible Study is seeing about 30 girls every week. There just aren't enough people for the hunger students have for the Gospel!

Fast Fact

There are about 150,000 students in Western PA alone.

Mount Aloysius, a small campus of about 1,800 students, my ministry focus, has a newly formed movement of about ten girls meeting every week to study the Word and pray for their campus. They call themselves Radiate. Just in a week's time, we've seen the interest for the group double, and I pray that as we follow up with students their hearts will be ready and open.

Saint Francis is an unusual environment, as most of the students have medical majors, which lends itself easily to massive amounts of studying and minimal amounts of spiritual interest or conversation. This year we will be restarting a ministry there which, unfortunately, seems to happen every few years.

Please Pray:

- ◆ That students' hearts at Mount Aloysius would be open and ready.
- ◆ Leaders would rise up there (especially men).
- ◆ I will walk strongly with faith in the face of judgment from faculty and students.
- ◆ God would continue to meet all of my financial needs.

Our next big push is for the Fall Retreat, a weekend away at a Bible Camp where we schedule speakers, events, games and fellowship times with the entire Western Pennsylvania region of students. To date we have an estimated 200 students coming, even though there are only enough beds for 110. All of the guys coming have already agreed to sleep in tents for the weekend.

There is already so much to do and already so much to praise God for! I can't thank you enough for your continued support and partnership as we leave an eternal mark in the hearts of Western Pennsylvania's students. God is making the most of your gift.

In His power,


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