



Close-up On Campus

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The International Cafe



"There are so many students; if we don't start reaching them now, we'll run out of time!" St Louis student, Carissa, exclaimed after a week in Wildwood, NJ.

Each year nearly one million college students pack their bags, leave their families and cross international borders to study at universities all across the US. When they finish, many become the future CEOs & policy-makers of their countries. It is an incredibly gracious gift God has offered the American church: make disciples of all nations simply by driving to the nearest college. Unfortunately, nearly half of all international students are not befriended by any American, much less engaged in spiritual conversation. At Wildwood, NJ this summer we have the opportunity to change this.

WVWJ is a common, summer-job hotspot for students from Russia, Serbia, Jamaica, Ukraine, Turkey, Thailand, Bulgaria, Mongolia, France and Egypt among several others, and God is already at work.

A few nights ago David was walking home with a few students after a worship night, instruments in hand. They had just prayed for God to give them opportunities



to make friends and share the gospel with internationals. Suddenly, a young guy ran up behind them. "Do you know where I can find a guitar store in Wildwood?" His name was Roman, a Russian student, and he'd been here a couple weeks without making many friends. Though they didn't know a good guitar shop, they talked for several minutes and eventually exchanged contact

NYC Fast Fact

The Empire State Building has its own zip code (10118). It's the 2nd largest office complex in US (next to Pentagon)

he lived with several other Russians just a few blocks away. The students invited Roman and his roommates to the weekly International Cafe (a place every Thursday for internationals to make friends, get free coffee, free internet, free bike repairs and hear about Jesus). Roman was excited to accept. On the night of the café, he was the first to arrive and one of the last to leave.

Even more, a UMass Dartmouth student, Cherian, has been sharing his faith on the Boardwalk and already seen five people accept Christ! Two Serbian guys noticed our students playing volleyball on the beach one afternoon and asked to join in. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and later came to the International Cafe! It's only the beginning of the summer, but we know the Lord has so much more in store.

First day for our Wildwood Summer Mission students



Bible Thought:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28

Book Recommendation:

Oneness Embraced
by Tony Evans

Please Pray

- Fruitful gospel-driven conversations for our students at the weekly International Cafe
- Roman to respond to the gospel
- Our SM students to have spiritual conversations with their co-workers
- For solid follow up for those students that indicated a decision for Christ
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

Praise God!

- Nearly 100 International students attended the first International Cafe
- SM students building trust and creating Christ-centered, attractive community

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

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

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