



# Close-up On Campus

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Year 2 Letter 1

## From Summer to Semester

Typically, God has used my summers, during and after college, as a personal challenge to take deliberate steps of faith. They seem so intimidating — impossible even, except through Him. This summer was no different. Tasked with developing funding to allow me to continue ministering at IUP, I found that I had to rely on Him for everything, right down to food on the table! I and over 60 other college grads joining staff this summer raised **over \$2 million in the span of 3 months!** In the midst of a recession, it was most certainly only by His power. It's times like these that *Phil 4:13* really comes to life! Isn't He good?

Once on campus, the year started with a bang! We organized tables with spiritual surveys in front of all the Residence Halls to meet new students and invite them to Cru.



**Chris (middle) is one of the guys I met with last year and am still challenging this year. He's a born leader - lots of potential.**

The first week we saw over 150 students come to the Thursday meeting!

One of my consistent prayers from last year was for God to lead me to the people He would have me pour my time and energy into. He has certainly done so, now! There are 7 very diverse, sophomore guys I am discipling every

week (artist, sports manager, ROTC student, etc.) that have the makings of leaders in the movement and in their worlds. The next step is to let them loose to teach others.

They say you reap what you sow, and though I've spread myself a little thin, I know the return will be great! Keep praying *Col 1:29* for me.

## God's Provision: A Hundred Bucks to the Kingdom

I met a Junior recently who described himself as a former Christian turned atheist. We related very easily and decided to watch the Steeler game and play guitar that weekend. We met at his apartment, and ended up talking for hours (unusual for guys). He volunteered his whole life story! He didn't have very

many, if not any, male friends. When it was too late to stay I went to drive home, but my car was missing. I had been told towing didn't happen on the weekends there, I parked in a non-metered spot, and got towed. I wasn't really sure how I would pay the bill, but I told myself, "What's a hundred bucks to the Kingdom?" I did-

n't get a chance to tell anyone, though, as I was out of town all the following week! When I returned I was surprised to find a thank you card addressed to me. There was \$280 in cash at the bottom! God made His promise real to completely guide and protect me as I faithfully tell others about Him! Isn't He good?

### Bible Thought:

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*  
*Ephesians 2:8-9*

### Please Pray

- With so many ministry needs pray for discernment — which to follow-up with and which to delegate. Learning to say 'no' has been a process.
- My parents are experiencing emotional and financial hardship. Pray for His healing power and His will to be clear.
- The Radiate conference is coming up after Christmas. Pray for students hearts to be moved to come!

### Praise God!

- After discovering that my previous car completely rusted out on the bottom, a couple from my church has provided for a good deal a 1999 Saturn in great condition!
- My roommate is a strong believer. What an amazing encouragement he has been to follow diligently and genuinely after God.

Thank you so much for your heart to help me reach these students. I couldn't do it without you!



In Christ,