



Campus Ministry in Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic

Close-up On Campus

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Year 4 Fall 2011 Review

Anytime Ministry, Every Time Ministry

In many jobs one arrives at 9am, works for several hours before taking a regular lunch, zips through several more tasks and after a very productive day clocks out around 5pm. The hours are fairly set, and the routine is predictable. In a job of ministry, however, the hours are ever changing. Sure I report by 9, but often times ministry happens at the pace of life. When Ryan's grandfather

passed away, we encouraged him; and when Zach went through a break-up we pointed him to Christ. It makes for an unexpected schedule some-times. This year in particular has been especially tireless with the opportunities presented for us to reach students. So let me in the paragraphs to come review the workings of God in South-western PA.

Reaching IUP: Satisfied?

Christina raised her hand and with genuine sincerity asked how she could be a Christian. This was after our large out-reach in late October that we called 'Satisfied?' It was a challenge to students that while they may look to other things, God ultimately satisfies every longing. We plastered the campus with posters, and (as we have the past



Cru students served hot chocolate in the freezing cold for hours. We used twice as much hot water as last year in half the time!



Bible Thought:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field"

Matthew 13:44

Book Recommendation:

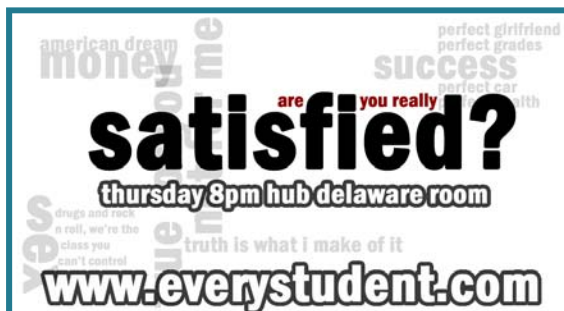
Radical
by David Platt

Please Pray

- Winter Retreat (Feb 3-4) will be effective in training our students.
- For opportunities to continue to reach Indian students at IUP (pray specifically to work through Manoj and Sam)
- That Tonya at Mt. Aloysius would bear much fruit sharing her faith
- God brings the right students to apply for Venezuela
- God leads Steph and I as we plan for Venezuela and that He provides financially for us to go

Praise God!

- 7 students accepted Christ at our Satisfied Event!
- 42 students accepted Christ at the Radiate conference in Baltimore, MD!
- IUP students are so excited to grow in their faith and tell others, especially Mark!
- Manoj's genuine desire to follow God and reach his friends
- For some key student multipliers at Mt Aloysius (Tonya) and UPJ (Garrett)!



Business card we gave out with each cup

few years) gave out free hot chocolate in the highly trafficked Oak Grove. Nearly 200 students showed up! Seven people indicated decisions for Christ that night! Christina is now in a Bible study with other girls. God is moving!

Reaching IUP: Internationals

Manoj, a committed Christian from India found fellowship at IUP and introduced me to many of his non-Christians friends. We met at the Thanksgiving Dinner Cru planned for International students to explain the holiday and why we as Christians are so thankful. Of about 700 total international students, about 200 showed up! I sat with a table of MBA students from India – half

were Hindi, half were Christians, one was Manoj. He is allowing me to build relationships with the other 39 Indians who came to IUP together. Pray that this leads to more fruitful discussions and saved souls!



IUP Grad student, Manoj, is growing in his faith and has a big heart for his peers

Reaching IUP: What Worldview?



In two days Mark got into easily 30 spiritual conversations which, in several cases lead to the gospel. While discipling him this past semester I taught him how to use one of Cru's latest evangelistic tools, the Perspective cards, a deck of cards designed to pinpoint another person's worldview. They allow the user to skip the small talk and jump straight to a spiritual

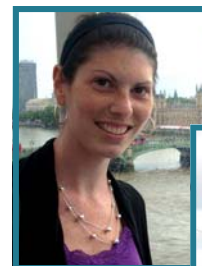
topic. The day after learning to use them Mark's heart for people and curiosity about worldviews drove him to use these to share Christ with as many people as he could; he hasn't stopped yet!

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Mt. Aloysius: Sustaining the Movement

One of the friends I made in Johnstown, Tonya, happens to be a Mount Aloysius student with a lot of friends and a big heart to tell people about Jesus. The struggle at the Mount has been sustainability. We've seen students come and go, but haven't found many multipliers: students who have a passion to walk by faith, share their faith and teach

others to do the same. Multipliers keep a movement alive, and our last one, Eryn, just graduated! Tonya and I are currently brainstorming creative ways to reach students. In the meantime she and her sister, Sarah, have been inviting ten people who consistently show up to the weekly meeting! What hope seeing God work!



Tonya, is trusting God for her campus

Eryn just graduated - we'll miss her



Pitt Johnstown: Rekindling

I met Garrett at IUP's Cru while he was visiting his girlfriend. Come to find out he's a freshman at UPJ feeling rather isolated by the lack of other Christian friendships. I told him about our new partnership with Timeout, a young group of about 30 students at UPJ committed to growing in their faith, and about Radiate, a conference that would really prepare him to help build the movement at UPJ. Later that night I got a

facebook message from him and his girlfriend that they'd never felt so excited to be a part of what God was doing! He came to Radiate, grew a ton, and is now helping to build that movement. Though we weren't able to completely capitalize on reaching UPJ in the Fall, we have critical mass



Garrett and his girlfriend, Courtney, pack seeds for impoverished countries at Radiate

and direction right now. I have high hopes for the movement!

Radiate: Life Change in Baltimore

Evangelism, scripture, fellowship, rich training – students had it all this year! Each of our 5 schools were represented at the conference in Baltimore, MD (a prayer answered), which allows them to experience the vision and scope of Cru more broadly. Every year God changes students' lives in huge ways; it was where He called me to join staff with Cru. This year 42 students accepted Christ! God is moving!

Also, IUP senior, Robert, finally came after four years, where he then heard about Summer Project – probably the best opportunity we have to offer students. This will be a tremendous growing experience for him; pray that God will use Robert in the years to come to further His kingdom wherever he goes.



Cardboard Testimonies: life before Christ on one side, life after Christ on the other

"This year [at Radiate] 42 students accepted Christ! God is moving!"



Kenny



Nikki



Wade



Michael (left)

Going to the World: Venezuela

Recently, I was asked to lead an International Summer Project to Maracaibo, Venezuela. I was honored, but sought the Lord first. Venezuela is a place of unbelievable openness to the gospel; literally hundreds of people accept Christ every summer! There is, however, a serious deficiency of godly fathers and male role models. Many men come to Christ, but find very few men to mentor them.

In 2 Timothy 2:2 Paul reminds Timothy of the importance of mentoring those younger in the faith. While speaking at a church on this very topic, I realized right in the middle I'd been challenged to do this very thing in Venezuela! I and co-leader, Stephanie, will be taking 8-12 students with us in hopes of

reaching and raising up some solid consistent student leaders for the movement.

With this great honor comes great responsibility. Providing spiritual leadership for our student team will require much planning on me and Stephanie's part. It will also require quite a bit of additional funding as airfare into the country is unusually expensive and the living and ministry expenses in-country will be sizeable.

Would you consider giving \$50, \$100 or \$200 (or any other amount) to help me reach Venezuelan students with the gospel?* For 6 weeks the total cost is over \$5,000!

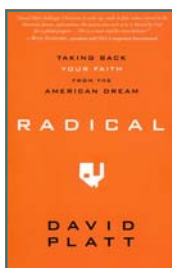
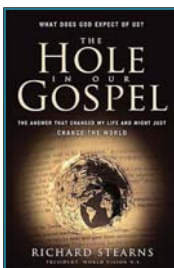
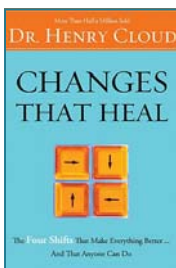
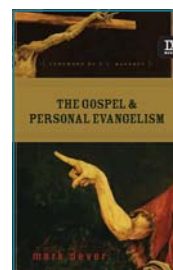
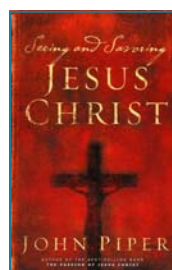
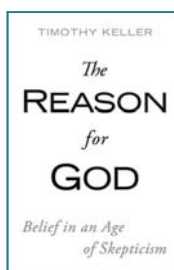
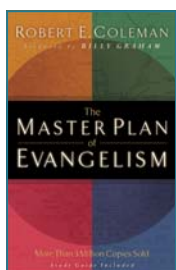


I'll be leading a team for 6 weeks in Maracaibo, Venezuela

Please pray that God would both allow me to bear much fruit there (John 15:5) and provide abundantly for all these financial needs. (For more information about this Project, please don't hesitate to call, email or check out this site: www.arkpages.com/davidcoffey for more information.

*Be sure to make checks out to Campus Crusade for Christ.

To help you all, here are the front covers of books I've recommended in my prayer letters. Within these pages is a wealth of knowledge and a goldmine of great thinkers! They are all available on Amazon and certainly worth the time invested reading and weighing them against scripture. I would generally endorse all of these authors as well!



Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

Always trusting Him,
(Eph 3:20)

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