



Campus Ministry in Western Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic

Close-up On Campus

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Sharing Our Faith: An Answer to Prayer



One of the children we ministered to in Detroit was quite the dancer. He's teaching me moves I'll never master!

To be frank, God has challenged me this year like I never thought possible! Ministry at IUP has been so unexpected as students have been both excited about leadership and confused about the direction on campus. As the new kid on the block (this only being my second year on staff) I feel as though I've been experimenting—finding innovative ways to share my faith on campus while also trying to motivate our students to this same goal. This is no easy task to just initiate—I would venture to say it's impossi-

ble without the power of God working through us and the students (*John 15:5*). As a staff team we've prayed about it a

lot. And He heard us; God is so good.

Over Spring Break (March 6-11) we took eight students to Detroit, MI to get a taste for inner-city ministry—give them an opportunity to see life off campus and away from home. Detroit is a broken city with poverty, crime, drugs, abandonment running rampant! We heard a pastor, Eric Russ, speak while we were there: "I believe God's called Christians to the suburbs, but do I believe He's called 80%?" Free of judgment or coercion, he aptly communicated the need. Our students were struck to the core. As we reflected on the week, they unanimously expressed a desire to weekly share their faith on campus! Since we've been back, it's happened! We've seen over 20 Gospel presentations so far! I believe this campus has something coming!

Bible Thought:

"And [Jesus] is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power..."
Hebrews 1:3

Please Pray

- The continued passion and fruitfulness of our students sharing their faith with their peers. Pray for revival!
- Keith, a guy I've been meeting with all year; he is so close to the Gospel! Pray that God will become his first priority.
- God would raise up more student leaders at Mount Aloysius. I can see the movement fragmenting as students become over committed.

Praise God!

- His provision! There is really no one like our God! He can do anything!
- God has worked powerfully in my family! Their financial, emotional and spiritual issues are subsiding as they turn and depend on Him even more. Thank you for your prayers!

God: My Provider and Sustainer

Sometimes I wonder about the depths of God's love.

When I returned from Detroit I looked at the bills I had left to pay. I was a bit overwhelmed as I realized the number of bills I had to pay at the same time. I knew God had called me here, and I knew He wouldn't just let me

fall, but I felt helpless. I remembered what Hezekiah did in a similar situation (*II Kings 19:14*), I laid them all out on my bed, knelt down and prayed, knowing that God was big enough and powerful enough to take care of all my bills. It was hard to pray, because I couldn't see a way out on my own; I felt like I was in a

mess!

But wouldn't you know, God was faithful! The next day money came in and my account was healthy enough to handle it! What a lesson in complete and whole-hearted dependence on God to take care of everything! He is so good!

Thank you so much for your prayers. I know that you are impacting the ministry here through them!



In Christ,

David Coffey