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BY THE NUMBERS

At Echo I (Jena) had the great honor of coordinating the six outreaches that our students took part in. They were able to engage people in several surveys as well as the tools Perspectives, Knowing God Personally and Soularium which we trained them in before they went out to places like Faneuil Hall, Harvard Square, Boston and Northeastern Universities, and Downtown Crossing. Students loved having the flexibility of being able to use any of these tools according to each conversation they had. They felt equipped to really listen well and be Spirit led to share the gospel in a variety of ways using a variety of methods. Here are the results of our endeavors.

Initiated conversations: 434

Spiritual conversations: 199

Gospel conversations: 92

Decisions for Christ: 1



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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



ECHO SUMMER PROJECT: AMAZING RESULTS



"Andrew, I just wanted to let you know again how great Echo was," I overheard Mike Bost, a staff leader in Boston, tell Andrew over the phone: "This has been the best summer project experience I've had in thirteen years." This is one of many positive responses we've heard about Echo 2012. Every student said that that being part of the project **literally changed the course of their lives**. We believe there were many reasons for the success of Echo.

First, beyond anything, we believe that the Lord happened to ordain this time to be unique and a springboard towards the furthering of His kingdom in the lives of these 20 students, 4 student staff, and 6 staff. It was simply His good pleasure.

Second, we see the value in students putting aside their undivided attention and making the decision as a group to enter into the teaching, worship and strategic planning wholeheartedly. Our students demonstrated such hearts of surrender and willingness to walk in a manner worthy of their calling that it was moving and an honor to lead them.

Third, we gave them incredible opportunities through our speakers. Holly Ashman, Cru Staff leader in California, spoke first and set the tone for the students for the project and the rest of their lives talking about walking by the Spirit daily. Her quote: "I can't but You can" resonated with the students. They also heard from Mark Gauthier, Director of the US Campus Ministry of Cru, and Steve Douglass (pictured speaking to ECHO students), President of Cru! We also had Roger Hershey come and speak about

eternal perspective and what it means to lay down your rights as a follower of Christ. We had a family backgrounds specialist come in and counsel our students, and even had an Old Testament survey course!



Lastly, we believe that intense fellowship is what students are truly craving — to be known and loved unconditionally by one another. We experienced them living this out firsthand as we would hear of spontaneous group Bible studies breaking out at 2am, or students sharing the gospel with the brothers who lived at the fraternity that housed our project (ZBT). But even more indicative is the fact that students are STILL posting daily—and frequently—on the Echo Facebook wall. Students post steps of faith they are taking to fan the flame that the Lord used Echo for in their hearts for the gospel. They are sharing the message of Jesus' love with their parents, siblings, friends and coworkers, and are seeing God use them! One girl led her 12 year old brother to Christ the day project ended. We are delighted that the impact of Echo is going well beyond the 2 weeks of the project. Read some of the student posts on the next page and see more great photos.

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for our time at Echo. It was a tremendous opportunity for us to renew our vision for the world by reaching college students. Pray that the students would continue to grow in their faith and share the gospel.
- Praise God for the way the Lord blessed our children through the students on Echo, who played with them and just enjoyed them being a part of the project.
- Please continue to pray for Jena's pregnancy and for the baby's health. She is sixteen weeks and soon Olivia and Logan will be able to figure out which one of them will be sharing a room with the new baby!

And what you have heard from the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
2Timothy 2:2

Blessings, Andrew, Jena, Olivia and Logan Brown

ECHO SUMMER PROJECT



Holden from Bunker Hill CC

"I miss you guys so much. I miss waking up every morning to an environment filled with love, the Holy Spirit and just joy. I miss everything from Echo."



James (right) from Babson:

"Echo was the best experience of my life, for real."



Chrissie (far left) from BU:

"I just shared the gospel with my mom. Please pray for her. Gahhhh! I'm so excited for her. She definitely has a long way to go but she wants love and I think Jesus is the perfect person to look for love from."



Ari from Simmons

So back to Echo changing lives. There is no way I would be comfortable trying to lead my thirty-something year old cousin and my mom to know Christ if I hadn't gone to ECHO. God is good and let's keep spreading His love!



Angel (kneeling) from Bentley University:

"I have a praise to add...yesterday I invited my friend to church and she accepted. Today after the message I asked her if she wanted to come to Christ...she was in tears and after some time decided to accept Christ. Please pray for Lisa."



Jessica from Bunker Hill

I love you guys. This page makes checking Facebook worthwhile! Stay blessed, stay encouraged & remember to make time EVERYDAY for the most important relationship we can ever have: God. I'm so happy for Echo!



Jena's Life Group

Two weeks of time surrendered to the Lord CAN make a huge difference!



Andrew's Life Group