



# The Sillysheep Pen

## Student Planning & Kick off



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Dr. Tim Keller in a recent interview said, "If you're on a college campus, you're on the culture's cutting edge." He says, "It is our best leadership development pipeline." (<http://goo.gl/fBueFh>)

When I was at MTL (Missional Team Leader) training this summer in Colorado, Roger Hershey said something similar. Hershey, who has served on staff with Cru for over 35 years and has led some of the largest movements in Cru's history, shared that he is still on campus, even well into his 60's because he knows of no better place for raising up laborers.

This year as we pray and dream for the future, we're excited for the student leaders that we are developing. Whether they choose to enter into full time ministry after school or be strategic leaders for the gospel in their churches and communities, we know that we're on the right track to sending as many laborers into the missions field as we possibly can.

One of the major shifts in our ministry this past year was to give greater ownership of the mission to students leaders. While many of our students are young leaders, they are full of energy and love for the Lord. As we coach and equip our nearly 50 student leaders, they have set a faith goal of befriending over 300 freshmen and having over 300 gospel conversations this semester.

We are very encouraged as students led the annual lunch line surveys where we saw 800 students fill out surveys with 275 wanting information about our ministry or to hear the gospel. We've also seen record numbers of students at all our launch events (rootbeer keg party, Boba Tea Night). In all we have over 500 student to follow up with.

Please pray for our students in the next weeks as they share the gospel actively and start their small group Bible studies and pray for us to have great wisdom and love as we coach and equip our student leaders.





## Following up

"I'm really glad you guys actually followed up with me", said Qiuye, a Chinese American Biology student from Boston. We were sitting in the "Procrastination Station" in the UMass library.

"Oh, why is that?", Andy asked (a leaders who I am training in evangelism)

"Well you know, you fill these things out & most of the time, no one comes." I got the feeling Qiuye has been curious about the gospel for a while. As we talked over the next hour, the conversation quickly moved to the "Knowing God Personally" booklet. And when we got to the point of decision, Qiuye said that he wanted Jesus to be in his life and to be part of God's family, but would prefer to pray somewhere private.

Please pray for Qiuye as he makes his decision to follow Jesus.



## Breakthrough

Some of you may know, but I don't think we've mentioned it before. In the Northeast region, there are a number of international partnerships. An international partnership is a city overseas where as a campus we are actively praying for and sending staff and students to, in order to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our campus partnership is Breakthrough, a country in 10-40 window which has seen some unrest this summer. In the past 3 years we have sent a total of 4 students to this country, rich with Biblical history. But we know that a key factor is seeing a growing passion for this country in our movement is to have staff go with students. Lord willing we would like to go in Summer 2014, and bring a team of students with us.

Please pray for us as we need to raise significant funds to get our whole family there!



## Prayer Corner

1. Please pray for Joe and Jenny, that we would maintain a vital relationship with Jesus and that we would make Him our first in everything.
2. Pray for us to lead our team and our students in the power of the Holy Spirit, with love and wisdom.
3. Pray for our team to live out the gospel and experience God's grace and truth in community.
4. Pray for our movements (Cru, AIA, Epic, Destino) as we seek to reach every segment of campus.
5. Please pray for the over 500 students that we will be following up with.
6. Pray for revival on our campus(es).
7. As we mentioned in the last prayer letter, we are earnestly considering leading a 6 week summer project in 2014 to share the good news in the 10-40 window. Please pray for us as we seek the Lord. And pray for our family as we will need to raise quite a bit of extra funds as well as prepare for our children's many food allergies.
8. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to new financial partners who will partner with us to reach lost students in western Massachusetts



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