

The Seed in the Stump

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Sending Students Well...

One of our greatest thrills in ministry is to see our students graduate and move on as mature, well-rounded believers who are equipped to multiply their faith into whatever field the Lord leads them.

Blake just graduated from Webster. When I first met him a little over two years, he was very young in his faith. Soon after I met him he confessed to me that he did not know how to pray and had never prayed out loud. Blake soon jumped into all of our leadership training conferences and retreats that we hold every semester. He began to lead our ministry by building budgets and taking care of our financial records with the school.

It has been exceedingly encouraging to



Blake, sharing a meal with our family

see Blake grow in his faith and to see the Lord build him up as a laborer in his kingdom. Earlier this semester, Blake got together with a friend who was struggling. Travis knew Blake was a Christian, and he felt comfortable asking Blake questions. That night Blake shared the gospel with Travis and led him into a relationship with Christ. Since then Blake has been helping Travis grow in his faith.

Many of our students are graduating this month and moving on to a new season of life. Due in large part to your support and prayers, many of them are further equipped now to start gospel-centered families, share Christ in their workplace and serve the local church! Thank you!

Report from Int'l Retreat

"Why does he have to be the Son of God? Why can't he just be a prophet?" asked Essa, a Webster student from Saudi Arabia at our International Student Retreat the weekend of April 8-10. Essa joined 44 other internationals for a weekend getaway in central Missouri that included a viewing of the Hope movie, which walks viewers through the entire story of the Bible.



Francis from Mulawi, Oswaldo from Ecuador and Abdul from Kuwait

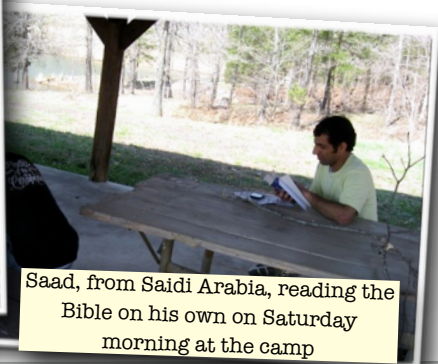
Essa and the other internationals wrestled with the claims of Jesus through small group discussions based on the film. Other students like Sumit, a Truman State student from Nepal shared his story of coming to Christ from a Hindu background and the cost that has come with that for him. Students from eighteen countries came together for this weekend, many of whom had never heard the gospel. Pray that the Lord would continue to pursue them and draw them to himself!



Ishmael, a Christian student from Indonesia explains the gospel to Shinya, from Japan



Essa, from Saudi Arabia, makes his first pizza.



Saad, from Saudi Arabia, reading the Bible on his own on Saturday morning at the camp

Please PRAY

- that we would walk with Jesus closely this summer. We'll be in East Asia with ~60 students. Pray that our ministry with them and to them would flow from a powerful love for Jesus.
- for our preparations for this summer, we'll be gone from St. Louis for over 2 months and life has been a little hectic (you'll soon be getting a prayer calendar from us that you can use this summer).