

The Seed in the Stump

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Last month, 50 international students joined us for our Fall Retreat including six of the Chinese students we mentioned in our last letter. Over the course of the weekend, they heard the claims of Christ several times alongside the 450 Americans who came.

On Saturday night, six Chinese students crowded onto a hayride under the stars with about 20 Americans. They had never experienced anything like it in the Chinese mega-cities where they grew up. An American student huddled beside them asked, "Are you Christians?" The Chinese students looked at each other as if trying to decide how to answer, and one of them named Jifei responded for the group, "not yet."

They continue to come to a small group Bible Study back at St. Louis University to learn more about Jesus. **Please be praying that the Lord would help them see their own need for a Savior**, as most of them seem to be interested in learning the Bible strictly for intellectual reasons.

Hearing the languages of the world as we walked around the Bible camp was amazing. Awet, an international student from Eritrea (Africa), grew up at a refugee camp in Sudan where both of his parents were murdered in

a bombing. He has always believed in a god but his life experience had left him bitter with no concept of a loving God.

Awet came to the Fall Getaway with his roommate, where he learned about Jesus, experienced a loving community, and started to process his spiritual life. A few days later, one of our CRU interns met up with Awet. After about hour and half of conversation, Awet placed his faith in Christ and decided to begin to walk with Him.

Praise God for the ways He is working among the international students in St. Louis! But they were not the only ones to meet Jesus that weekend. Joey (pictured top right) is in his final year at Truman State University. He is a student intern this year and dedicates a large percentage of his time and schedule each week toward our efforts to engage the entire student body in Kirksville with the gospel. He came to the retreat exhausted

after two months of leading on campus this semester.

Joey had this to say about his weekend, "I was extremely encouraged...God spoke to me in so many ways and I feel completely refreshed. I really needed to get away and be fed. And I definitely needed to attend something that I wasn't planning and organizing." The Lord truly met and worked in the lives of everyone there.

A survey of students at Webster University a couple years ago revealed that almost one third of the campus claims to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual. CRU has been building relationships with the LGBTQ community there, and several students have been coming to a Bible study Joe has been leading to look at what the Bible says about the issue.

- Nov 12-13 Trip to Truman State to coach leaders like Joey.
- Nov 13-15 Life Options conference in Kansas City. For students considering internships or staff with CRU.

Please pray:

- for Felicity as she prepares to transition to being off campus to care for our baby Jan-March
- for Joe as he leads a discipleship group for 4 guys at Webster.

More to come on this story next month! Please be praying for these students in the meantime.