

an update from your campus missionaries

the LAMB family

Campus Crusade for Christ in Western New York



We have a saying in ministry: "It's has been hard but good." That definitely sums up what we have experienced these last few months. To be honest when it is "hard" we usually have fallen into the consumerist attitude: "I want it now!" I think, we just want an amazing movement of God right now, with lots of students now, that are behind us and well trained and can be trusted to lead in big ways now. Anyone would get discouraged with that mindset. So we are learning to trust God and not our own efforts. **What I am thankful for is to be in a place where I know I am talking with students everyday who would have had almost no chance to hear about Jesus if God hadn't sent me here.** And I am thankful to be in start up ministry so we can help shape the culture and the focus of this movement in the power of Christ to not just be a Christian club. But to be a ministry growing in Christ and so excited about our relationship and new life in Jesus that we can't help but share it.

A lot of our time is spent following up on surveys that we had students fill out on campus. We do this by knocking on dorm rooms and starting conversations with the students. It is interesting to see the different reactions; some students could care less, some care a little, but then there are those who are so curious about spiritual things that God has been working on for while. One freshman guy, Jonathan, told me **"I have been waiting for you guys to get in contact with me, I have so many questions."** For many of the students, we have been able to clearly tell them the Gospel for the first time. Another guy, Stephen, who I am meeting with weekly, asks just about every question you can think of about Christianity. Honestly he can be hard and challenging. But whenever I am done talking with him, he is so appreciative and says "I know I ask a lot of hard questions but it is so helpful for me; you are the first Christians that really know what you're talking about and really seem to believe." Pray for him, he is so close to following Jesus!

Praises:

- **University of Buffalo:** we now have two male Bible studies: one on the north & south campuses. And one female Bible study!
- **Daemen College:** the weekly meeting has grown from 7 students last year to 30 this year!!
- **Buffalo State College:** several students are close to receiving Christ!

Prayer Requests:

- To see students' hearts open and ready for the Gospel.
- Jenn's Bible study is having a dorm outreach in two weeks. Pray that the girls would be empowered by the Spirit and see God use them.

Fall Getaway

We attended our first Fall Getaway with campuses from all over upstate New York: Rochester, Syracuse, Cornell and of course Buffalo schools. We had 11 students attend which may not seem impressive but compared to the one student that attended last year we were rejoicing!! Though it rained the whole weekend, it was a great time to get away and connect with one another and the Lord. Two girls who are not Christians, Ashley and Nicole, had a conversation with one of our guys about the Gospel that went late into Saturday night. They told the group on Sunday morning that they have a lot to think about and decisions to make. Please pray that their decision is for Christ!



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