

## Winter

How has this winter been so far? Amazing...it's seemed nicer than summer. Our winter started with our annual Winter Conference, where we had about 1000 people hearing great teaching, having fun and fellowship with their friends, and hearing from God.

I was asked to put my art degree to good use by performing an art piece to music. I was also able to invite our art loving daughter, Avery to join me. On the morning of Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, we painted a landscape together in front of the conference to the song *Beautiful Things* by Gungor. The band's name may seem strange, or like it should be a heavy metal group, but it is an incredibly tender and thought provoking song. It was hard to get through the song without tears...I guess I should say my 'allergies' were acting up. It was great to do something like that with her. She had a blast and I think is most excited about keeping the 4 foot by 5 foot painting. Many were touched and felt like God used it to connect with them.



Another unique experience at the conference was having the students pursue spiritual conversations with their friends through Facebook. At the end of our purposed time, close to 10,000 people had been pursued. Many of those turned into actual conversations, people came to faith or returned to faith and conversations are still continuing today. It has been one of the most successful ministry days in years. What is most exciting is seeing how a social network site can help share Good News and life with those with questions and needs.

Ultimately, it was wonderful to be with so many students putting their relationship with God first and prioritizing him.

## Prayer

**-Please pray for the students still using Facebook as a way to minister to their friends and family.**

-Pray for staff and student teams starting new ministries this winter and spring.

- Please pray as we hear about future opportunities within Campus Crusade...opportunities to continue using our gifts and talents to make the most impact for the Kingdom.



**Photo above:**  
Avery and I painting  
At Winter Conference

**Photo at left:**  
Sharing ministry  
opportunities to staff  
and students.

*In His grip  
Kyle, Wendy  
MALIA, CARTER + AVERY*