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UNEXPECTED ENCOURAGEMENT

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Our friend Heather hosted a small group gathering for us to share our ministry with some of her friends from church near Chicago.

PLEASE PRAY

- Pray for students going on summer projects this summer, that God would equip this next generation of leaders.
- Pray that we would see and respond to where God is working around us.
- Pray for more people who would be encouraged to partner with us in ministry.



My wife made me wear this...

Nearly 3000 college students are preparing to embark on life changing mission trips all over the world this summer with Campus Crusade for Christ. Although we won't be joining them on a project this summer due to our current assignment, God greatly encouraged me for a few of these students in a most unexpected way.

This past weekend in Grand Rapids, MI I attended a church service while Bryon was at a mens Bible study. I didn't know anyone there so I was tempted to sneak away before the end but decided to stay.

The pastor introduced 2 college students who explained their plans to spend the summer in Virginia Beach, VA on a summer project with CCC. I smiled and couldn't believe the "coincidence" because I attended that same summer project after my sophomore year in college. Knowing what God did in my life and through our project group 6 years ago, I was so encouraged to know that they also would have similar opportunities like I did. I know that their lives and the lives of people they encounter will never be the same.

I had prayed the day before that God would encourage me, and this was a clear answer to that. Talking with Emily from Grand Valley State Univ. about her anticipation for the summer in VA Beach, refreshed my vision and excitement for what God is giving us the opportunity to be a part of in the lives of Seattle students.



MIDWEST SPRING TOUR CONTINUES...

We're over halfway through MST and we have seen God provide new partners, financial and prayer support, and new friendships. This process has been a challenge and God continues to test our faith, but He has been teaching us that it's not only a means to an end for our ministry, but rather a ministry in and of itself. We've shared about stewardship with Christians, the gospel with non-Christians and the ministry God's called us to with others who desire to serve Him. Thank you for serving with us!

Yours in Christ,
Bryon & Sam

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