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Lost. Broken. Hurting. Confused. Striving. Angry. Wounded. These are words students used to describe themselves before they knew Christ.

Last month, over 100 Cru staff and students in Southeast Ohio wrote, recorded and uploaded short



The “Graffiti Wall” on campus painted up for the outreach.

videos of themselves sharing a brief version of their testimony, or the story of how they came to know God personally. They summed up their story with two words – a before and after – and detailed how that change occurred because of what God did. This was all part of an outreach that we called the “#180Difference”.

We flooded Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the videos and encouraged students to text the videos to their classmates and friends and ask them to watch, along with wearing obnoxiously bright green tee shirts that said #180Difference. All across campus, our students spent a week intensively engaging in conversations with non-Christians about their personal testimonies and sharing the Good News.

Dan, a senior, works at a law firm just off campus alongside Corey, a junior. Corey saw one of the videos posted on social media, and clicked it. He ended up watching video after video. His heart was stirred as he listened to story after story of how Jesus’ love and forgiveness changed

the broken lives of his co-workers and classmates. He was so moved, he couldn’t get it out of his mind. So he texted Dan, and asked if they could meet up to talk more about it.

Dan and Corey met that afternoon, and Dan got to share the gospel with Corey. After hearing this literal good news, Corey decided to place his faith in Christ!

“Talking to him was very much like listening to Luke 15 and having the wayward son come home to his loving Father.” said Dan. “It was really exciting to rejoice with Corey on that night.”

Corey was one of eight people (that we know of) to place his faith in Christ through what God did in this outreach. Not to mention the incredible steps of faith our students took to share their stories and engage their friends and classmates with the gospel. It really did feel like being inside the book of Acts, where the apostles “could not help but to speak of what [they had] heard and seen.” Praise God!

‘Til The Whole World Knows,

Clay + Emily

P.S. I also heard a story of a student who, while brushing his teeth in the dorm bathroom, overheard one student telling another how he had decided to place his faith in Christ as a result of witnessing the outreach just the night before!

PRAYER + PRAISE

- For Corey, and the 8 other students who came to Christ, that they’d grow in their new faith.
- For us, as we continue to search for a permanent home in Athens. Pray for the Lord’s perfect provision, and that we’d trust it.
- For our students who are currently on their spring break mission trip, and us as we are at home using the time to plan for leading the Summer Mission to Ljubljana, Slovenia.