



Campus Crusade for Christ

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Musings in Ministry

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Burlington, Vermont. Home to the University of Vermont (UVM for short) sitting above historic Church Street (reminiscent of Pearl Street in Boulder, Colorado) and beautiful Lake Champlain is a place in the Northeast Region where we recently re-opened our campus ministry after ten years without presence. The current student population of **9,040 Undergraduates, 1,351 Graduate students, and 406 Medical students** representing 49 states and several countries are people in need of the Gospel.

<http://www.sodexhocares.com/resources.dyn/SustainabilityProfileUVM.pdf>

Last Saturday, I was in Burlington to support my co-worker, Julie whose mother passed away last week. After the service, it was neat to catch up with Julie and Paul who have served in the Northeast for years. They reflected on their experiences growing up in Burlington. Both graduated from UVM and became followers of Jesus while at the university. They have a tremendous heart to see students at their alma mater come to understand the beauty of the Gospel while living life above Lake Champlain in the ambiance of the Green Mountains. I count it a blessing to work in Boston with these two tremendous people.

Upon leaving the luncheon, another co-worker and I headed into the heart of Burlington so I could see the campus and Church Street firsthand. It is **so much** like Boulder! I felt right at home with the things I saw and recounted my days at CU reaching out to a very similar audience of students. As we passed the campus, we prayed. We asked God to pave *roads* for the *Gospel*, to give our UVM staff team *wisdom*, clear *direction* and *favor* as they interact with campus administrators, professors and students. We asked God to enable them to persevere in a place where the soil has been tough.

Please join me in praying for Dan and Heather Litchfield, Adam and Tracy Simpson (new additions from my old region ☺), Jon Ayers, Jennifer Wittman, and Steph Fisher as they share the love of Christ with men and women who need him. We desire to see **lives changed** at UVM.

Colorado Summer!

Once again I am happy to announce that I will return to Colorado in late May through early July to give leadership to the Vail Summer Project! I couldn't be more delighted to have another opportunity to invest in the lives of students directly. Currently, I'm reviewing applications for women interested in joining us in Vail and will ultimately accept 24 of them.

I will share more as the summer approaches and so appreciate your prayers as I trust the Lord to give me wisdom in the countless phone conversations I'm having with these women now. I'm excited for the relationships I will build with them and how they will invest in the lives of their co-workers in the Vail Valley this summer. Our leadership team anticipates great things from the Lord!

As always, we trust God to transform the lives of people like Oxana, a co-worker of Lyndsey's (pictured with me below), who came to know Jesus last summer in Vail. They have stayed in touch and I am so thankful for the way Lyndsey lived and loved those around her on project last summer. It will be so neat to see how God moves through this new "class" of VSP students in 2008. ☺



Thank you for partnering with me so that **every student** can know someone who truly follows Jesus!

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