

The Sillysheep Pen

finding the lost, binding the brokenhearted



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Fall Retreat

Every year the weekend after Columbus day we have our fall retreat. This year our guest speaker was Dan Litchfield from Lifelines (www.lifelinesministry.com). Lifelines is an experiential outdoor learning ministry for Cru. So along with hearing great teaching about Faith, Hope & Love vs Sin, Despair and Indifference, our students participated in 3 learning activities that really drove home the point as the students experienced their choices throughout the activities. Well, don't take our words for it. Here are some quotes from a feedback survey we did after the retreat.

"All the messages were very profound and impacting"

"Dan is an excellent speaker. I was engaged the whole time and took some really great notes from each session. I learned a lot, and definitely grew in my faith because of his messages."



"It [the activities] struck, in a way that simply explaining why others needed Christ or how important it is to share with others wouldn't hit. It was very eye opening!"



"This activity was so creative. I really [looked forward to] doing [further] hands on activities in order to apply our learning." [Activity on making time for Christ]

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"This activity was SO powerful for me. It really opened my eyes to where I have been in the past, and where I am now in terms of my faith and various struggles." [Activity on sharing Christ]

Please pray for the many breakthroughs and deeper relationships that were developed at our Fall Retreat. Please pray that we'll see the fruit in the months to come as our students walk closer with Jesus and as they grow in their faith. Please pray for them as they reach out to their friends and take steps of faith to engage them in gospel conversations.



Halloween

Whether it's getting high and hooking up, or dabbling with the occult Halloween can be a spiritually dark time on campus. This year we made Halloween a focus for our students to take next steps in engaging our culture and our campuses (UMass, Smith, Mount Holyoke)

We started out Halloween weekend with a powerful time of prayer and praise on Friday night. The Holy Spirit was both convicting students of sin and empowering them to go out the next day.

"My boyfriend is a medium... he has many times (had personal experience with ghosts), often when I'm there."

(UMassCru Paranormal Survey)

On Saturday we had two outreaches. A costume party, where students were encouraged to invite their non-Christian friends and dorm mates. As students arrived they were giving a picture of a video game character.

Each student was to find the other person at the party with the matching character. Once a match was found participants proceeded to the "Soularium" room, a decorated "gypsy tent." Inside, students used the Soularium evan-



gelism tool (<http://mysoularium.com/>) to share spiritual experiences.



Also we provided cab rides (called "Free Rides") to students who were out partying. This showed love to lost students by providing safe transportation, and was also an chance to share the gospel.

Lastly, we conducted an online survey at UMass asking students about their paranormal experiences and what they believed. As part of the survey we invited participants to a discussion group on "God, the Bible and the paranormal."

Please pray for us as we follow up the many responses from the online survey and Thank God for a very successful costume party and "Free Rides"



Prayer Corner

1. Please pray for Joe and Jenny, that we would maintain a vital relationship with Jesus and that we would make Him our first in everything.
2. Please pray for God's grace that we will lead our team well as we pursue the lost here at UMass.
3. Pray for our team to live out the gospel and experience God's grace and truth in community.
4. Please join us in praying for revival on our campuses.
5. Please pray for the launch of our Latin American Student ministry, called Destino.
6. Please pray our extremely busy schedule. Please pray also for us as we homeschool our children and that we trust and thank the Lord in giving us the gift of limitedness.
7. Please pray for us as we seek to elevate the importance of leadership with our students and help them "own the mission."
8. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to new financial partners who will partner with us to reach lost students in western Massachusetts

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