

The Sinyahoop Pen

finding the lost, binding the brokenhearted



RE-INVITE by Joe Chau

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"Jeff, You know that we've gone over this before?", Tim said politely. Jeff had pulled out a copy of the "Knowing God Personally" booklet. Tim, a senior in accounting, had been attending Jeff's small group bible study off and on for a year. But, even though he came from a Catholic background, the reality of a personal relationship with God had not connected with him. It was Saturday, and the night before Tim attended the Epic Large group meeting at UMass. Earlier in the day he didn't feel like he wanted to attend, and even proposed to not attend, but somehow, he ended up coming. I had spoken on how God restores our honor and invites us into His family. I encouraged anyone who hadn't made a personal decision to invite Jesus into their lives and experience the gift of salvation, to come see me or

about sin. It says that sin was active rebellion or passive indifference to God. And I realized that was me, passively indifferent.", Tim would later recount to me. "And when we came to the part which asks you whether

"Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me"

Revelation 3:20

you were sure if Jesus was in your life, I paused, and realized that, if I really had Jesus in my life I wouldn't have to pause. It just seemed like something you would know [in your soul]"

Jeff turned the page to the suggested prayer and after reading it over again, Jeff let Tim pray to invite Jesus into his life and accept the wonderful gift of forgiveness and salvation. 



Tim & Joe

their small group leaders. After the meeting, Tim asked Jeff if he had time to talk.

"Well then Tim, it couldn't hurt to go over it again right?", Jeff replied. After which he proceeded to go through the booklet again.

"I don't know why, but when we went through the booklet again, things really made sense. Especially the part



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EAST COAST ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

God has presented us with an incredible opportunity. ECAASU (East Coast Asian American Student Union) will be holding their annual conference at UMass this year. Over 1200 Asian American Student leaders will be coming to UMass from Feb 16-18, 2011 from all over the east coast. It is the largest gathering of Asian American College students in the nation (according to www.ecaasu.org). We are planning 3 outreaches to engage these student leaders with the gospel.

- We will be sending out teams from 11am-7pm on Friday to initiate spiritual conversations with ECAASU attendees using an Asian American Spiritual Survey and an Asian American version of the Soularium developed by Epic Movement's National Office. Please for boldness in our students and staff.
- We have secured a sponsorship table with ECAASU and will be at the registration site. We hope to use the registration table as an area where we can engage attendees in spiritual conversation as well as find opportunities to plant new Epic Movements at other campuses. Please pray for God to use this unique opportunity, that students' hearts will be open to the gospel and that opportunities will arise to plant new Epic Movements.
- We are trying the "Fortune Cookie Outreach". It is a dinner that we will invite select ECAASU attendees to. At this dinner, each participant will be given a fortune cookie. On one side of the cookie is an Asian proverb, and on the other side is a Bible verse that also speaks to the topic of the proverb. This is meant to stimulate spiritual conversation and contrast Asian culture with Biblical values. (5-6:30pm Friday)
- Lastly, we would like to speak with ECAASU leadership and see if in the future we can make Religion & Faith a more active discussion at the conference, because it deals with our identity as Asian Americans. Please pray for open doors.

BIG BREAK BUS



As you may remember last year we had 46 students come with us to Big Break, our yearly pilgrimage to Panama City Beach, Florida, where we engage tens of thousands of students from all over the country in gospel conversations. Students come from all over the country in search of a good time. They come looking to fulfill their emptiness with sex, drugs and alcohol. We on the other hand join with hundreds of Christian students from around the country to bring those who are lost the gospel of Jesus Christ over the course of our spring break week. This year, while we are still a month from our trip, we already have 55 students registered and more to come. We are prayerfully hoping for 70 students to come with us.

Please pray for more students to join us. Please pray for God to provide the finances necessary for each student to attend (\$600 each). Please pray that God would open the eyes of our students to His power and love. Please pray for our students as they take stops of faith to share the gospel and pray for the lost to have open hearts.

PRAYER & CHINESE NEW YEAR

1. Please pray that Joe and Jen maintain a vital connection with Jesus and that we would be abiding in Christ the true vine, without whom we cannot do anything good or lasting.
2. Please pray for our family because we have been just sick with the flu and colds, for the last few weeks and it's hard for us to focus, and to lead well.
3. Please pray for Jeff Chan, Matt Han and Aaron Fears as they work on their internship applications. Thank you for your prayers over the last few years for laborers to be raised up here at UMass. We are excited because they could be the first interns here at UMass for maybe as long as a decade, the fruit of much prayer and nurturing.
4. Dr. Greg Ganssle will be speaking on Science & Faith at UMass on April 5th, 2011. Our original date of February 1st was cancelled due to snow. Please pray that this event will be well attended and would lead to many spiritual conversations and decisions for Christ.
5. Our plan is to focus on outreach in the Spring semester. Please pray for us as we lead and equip our students in the sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ.
6. We are planning on attending IBS (Institute of Biblical Studies) in Colorado this summer. Please pray that the Lord would provide all our needs for tuition, travel and lodging.