

Silly Sheep Pen

APRIL 2008

finding the lost, binding the brokenhearted

Praying for Jan

Many of you may have heard about Jan, a Chinese-American student who came to our first Epic meeting. She shared with us how she was not able to find any student groups on campus who addressed spiritual matters. And the only one she found was SPIRALS (the pagan/wicca student group), which she has since become a member of and practices some rituals with them regularly. She's identified Zeus and Athena as her "gods". But, as she explores and discovers the God of the bible, she feels that she is in a place to choose between the Christian God and the pagan gods. Following a dinner Jenny had with her a week ago, we were so happy to have her over our home for dinner, where we got to continue to share with her about Jesus and the God of the bible. Please pray for Jan, that God will reveal himself to her in a real way, and that God will give us wisdom as to how to continue to minister to Jan in grace and truth.



SALVATION IS FOUND IN NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN TO MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED. ACTS 4:12

Over 60% of the students feel things were hopeless at times. Almost 40% of students reported feeling so depressed that they had difficulty functioning at times. 10% of the students reported seriously considering attempting suicide at least one time.

APRIL 4, 2008 I had just walked into the lounge on the 12th floor of the John Quincy Adams (JQA) Residence Tower on campus. As I looked around the informal circle, I saw the familiar faces of the leaders from the other campus ministries at UMass. There were also other faces I do not recognize, faces that I would later find out belonged to members of student affairs, the chancellor's office, mental health services, and public security. Behind me a young woman in tears, approaches our circle. "I just came to ask if you will be doing something like this for all the other dorms in the area? I mean Coolidge, McKimmie, Crampton? I think we really need it." I would later find out that she was a Residence Assistant (RA) for one of the other dorm buildings. But, they had seen it. Students from all the other dorms had seen it. At 3:30am that day, Liam O'Donnelly, a second year student, had jumped to his death from the window of his 17th story dorm room, in JQA. As I walked into the next room filled with friends, floormates, and others from JQA, to offer prayer and counsel, I was reminded again of the deep brokenness that is our sin condition and the only name given where by men can be saved, Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).



Can you believe it?

In the week we were down in Florida:

750 Students attended Big Break
 6390 Conversations Initiated
 2850 Gospel Presentations
 408 Decisions for Christ
 God is Awesome!

"You know, my best day

was when I went out (sharing) with Amanda, she approached this girl and started doing a survey and got into a (spiritual) conversation. So after some prayer for her, I looked around and started talking to this guy who was just hanging out on the beach, and I got to share the gospel with him. In all I got to share my faith five times that day. I definitely feel more confident in sharing my faith.", said **LUKE SHOWALTER**, a freshman who went down with us to Panama City Beach, FL for the Big Break 2008 Evangelism Conference.

All I have to say is that the Lord had done exceedingly more than we had expected on our Big Break 2008 trip. Of the 12 students who went with us, all 12 took steps of faith in trusting God, by sharing their faith on the beaches of Panama City, with other students who were partying. Many of the students with us had never shared their faith before, some had never even initiated a spiritual conversation. And all of them felt that the experience was positive, and that it has strengthened their desire, and ability to share their faith on campus.

When we had a sharing time on the last day of the conference, the stories of how the Lord had worked were so many and so amazing that we were all blown away by what the Lord had done in our short week in Florida. One story that sticks out for me, is one of a young man who saw a group of Crusade students worshipping under the stars by the beach, and from afar, he felt, that whatever it was that they had, **HE DIDN'T HAVE IT**. He then approached some women near by, who were also with our conference, and started talking to them about the students worshipping on the beach. The women started talking to him about spiritual things, and over the course of the next several hours, they talked in his room, about **JESUS, AND HIS LOVE AND HIS DESIRE TO BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH US**. Finally, the young man believed, and decided that Jesus was the only one who could fill the emptiness he felt in his life. He prayed to receive Jesus into his life. Then he showed the women the 7 knives he had laid out because *he had planned to end his life that very night*. But now he had found **NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**. Thank you so much for being a part of our ministry.

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