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Finding the lost binding the brokenhearted

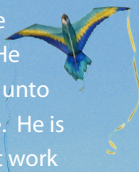
What does it take to reach a campus and the world?

We've learned and still continue to learn that God is at work. He longs to draw all men (and women) unto Himself and His mighty Spirit is able. He is the eternal Father and His Spirit is at work here at UMass. So it is with anticipation that we dive into this our fifth school year at UMass.

Step by step He builds His kingdom. Over the last four years we've seen God build up a body of student believers, create community, grow students in their excitement for sharing the good news of

Jesus Christ, and students connect with a passion for discipleship making. It's exciting just to think about it. But where will God lead us next? Each year we've asked that question. "Now what God?"

Our hope is that we would be wise and strategic, while completely attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We do not know the future but we know the one who holds tomorrow in His hands. To the right you'll find some key things we are working towards this year. Please keep them in your prayers.



Joe & Jen with Epic students
@ Wildwood Summer Project



Priscilla enjoying some sun and some fun



Crucial Next Steps

1 Change is a constant on the college campus. And each year new students arrive as surely as older students graduate and leave. In this upcoming year we will graduate most of our student leaders. We know that those who move on will have a great impact for God wherever they go. But our hope is that some of these students will prayerfully consider an internship with us after they graduate. This is absolutely crucial for our expanding spiritual movement, both with UMassCru and Epic. Please pray for Chris Osmecki, Matt Han & Jeff Chan.

2 Freshmen, freshmen, freshmen. Last year was the first year we've had a more robust strategy in reaching freshmen. We've learned a lot about what works and what doesn't, what freshmen respond to (or not) in the way of the gospel and community. Obviously to continue growing and being more and more effective in reaching the campus, freshmen are needed. Not to mention how so many are deceived into the party culture.

3 Crusade's DNA for ministry is Win, Build, Send. As part of "sending" this year, we'll be taking steps towards building an international partnership. It will be a great way to connect students with God's heart for the world and for students to be part of the great commission in a whole new way!

Prayer Closet

- Health for the whole family as the semester begins. We have noticed that more often than not we have health issues (of the ER kind) at the beginning of most semesters.
- Please continue to pray for our financial support. Pray that God would lead us to new financial and prayer partners who He has called to share in our ministry here at UMass and the Pioneer Valley.
- Please pray for Jen as she once again gears up for homeschooling. Pray for wisdom, creativity, perseverance, joy, and energy.
- Thank God for the new members of our family. Yes that's right we have new bunnies (which the kids simply adore). Both Peter Rabbit & Lady are doing just fine.

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