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Fall Retreat 2011



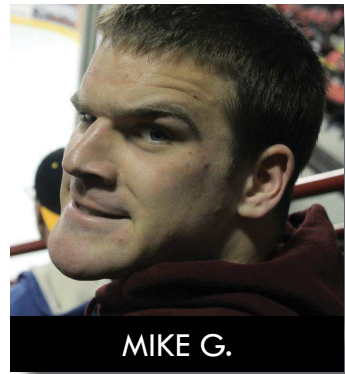
UMassCru Fall Retreat 2011

This year marks the fourth year I've directed our fall retreat. God blessed us with an incredible fall retreat. We had over 70 students attend, which is more than we have ever had! Our speaker, Dr. Greg Ganssle, taught from Luke 5 and the various encounters people had with Jesus. On Saturday we had a concert of prayer followed by a T-Shirt Graffiti Party and blacklight dodgeball (yes it was a pretty full night). One major change this year was the program for our mens time. This year we formed teams of four (men) and gave each team a series of tasks to perform. Each team had to canoe to an island, make a spear, canoe back, and then they were given two matches with which to make a blazing fire, and had to use their spear to cook (burn) a hotdog over their

fire. Finally, each team had to carry a log picnic table 50 yards and back. There wasn't much spiritual content but a ton of fun and it really helped in building relationships and trust among the many new men who came.

One of whom is Mike G. Mike's been dating a girl in Cru for over a year and has ever come out to a few Cru events. This year she

somehow convinced Mike to come out to the retreat and the men's time was instrumental in helping Mike connect with other Christian men in a fun and challenging environment. Mike doesn't know the Lord yet, but even though his floor-mates make fun of Mike for doing so, he's now comes to our weekly meeting consistently and is growing towards a relationship in Christ. Please pray for Mike G as he continues to investigate Jesus, and for God to open doors for the gospel on his floor.



MIKE G.

HIP HOP CRU

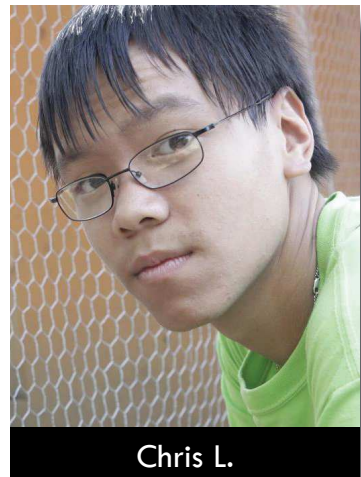
"I've always called myself a Christian all my life, but now I'm not sure what it means to be one", said Chris. He had gone to church all his life, but when Matt, one of our interns from Epic, started talking to him about what it meant to have a personal relationship with Christ, Chris began to see that being a Christian was more than going to church and youth group or even following the rules.

Matt met Chris at the Hip Hop Dance Club, a student club on campus that promotes the Hip Hop dance style. After meeting with Chris a few times and inviting him out to Matt's small group bible study, Matt challenged Chris with biblical Christianity.

Coming to school and being away from home, has allowed Chris to question these important life deci-

sions and God has used it to let Chris see that he really did want to take ownership of his own faith. And to walk with Jesus.

After presenting the gospel to Christ using the Knowing God Personally booklet Chris invited Jesus into his heart for the first time and is now a regular member of Matt's Hip Hop Bible Study (which has about 5 guys from the Hip Hop Dance Club) and is meeting up with Matt weekly to be grounded in his newfound faith.



Chris L.

Phinehas T. Chau



On November 10, God blessed us with the birth of a new born son, Phinehas T. Chau. Born 8lbs 10.6oz and 21 inches. Mother and Baby are doing fine. Phinehas had some weight loss and jaundice early on but now as we near our third week, Phinehas has regained the weight and is progressing nicely. We are however not getting much sleep as you can imagine and we are also a bit under the weather.

Lydia, Priscilla and Nathan are all incredibly excited for to have their new brother. They have after all waited patiently these past 9 months. They are constantly ready to help with feedings, changing and of course playing.

Please pray for all our health, pray that the baby will get into a regular sleep pattern as soon as possible and for our family to continue to grow in love for Jesus and for one another.



Prayer Corner

1. Please pray for Joe and Jenny, that we would continually fall in love with our precious Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life.
2. Thank you for your prayers for Epic as we break new ground. We have seen some encouraging signs, such as the Hip Hop small group & growing attendance at our Large Group meetings. We are still prayerfully pursuing the Asian Fraternities and Sororities. Please pray for God to continue to open doors in both areas. Also, please pray for 20 students to attend the East Coast

Epic Conference, which is a conference designed to encourage Asian Americans to walk with freedom, faith and zeal. Please continue to pray for God to work in us so that in all circumstances we are an expression of His great love.

3. Please join us in praying for revival on our campuses.
4. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to new financial partners who will join us in our work here at UMass, Smith College, Amherst College, and Mt Holyoke College.

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