

THE SILLYSHEEP PEN

*Finding the Lost
Binding the Brokenhearted*



Our Epic Break by Joseph Chau

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Happy Chinese New Years! Each year during our spring semester break, we head down to Panama City Beach (PCB), Florida for the "Big Break" short-term mission trip with Campus Crusade for Christ. The reason we head down to PCB is that it is the #1 spring break destination for college students, nationwide. Each year over 300,000 college students flock to PCB to "party" in the month of March. From binge drinking to getting high, from one night stands to crazy nightlife, students come hoping to experience all that life has to offer. It is in the middle of this, what is arguably the largest college party in the US, we find a surprising and unlikely opportunity for the gospel. Because each year as Christ-following students step out in faith and take the initiative to share the gospel on the beaches and in the nightclubs, we find that God, whose heart longs for the lost, redeems and restores thousands unto Himself. (Last year, in the week we were down in PCB we saw over 670 decisions for Christ!)

We will be leaving March 13th for PCB and God willing we will be taking over 40 students with us. This is almost double the number of students we took with us last year. It is to God's glory that each year we have seen an increase in the num-

ber of students willing and even eager to accept the challenge to be His witness to lost students at PCB. We are especially joyful for the addition of 12 Epic students from UMass and Smith College this year. Last year 2 Epic students went with us, so this is an incredible increase. Our hope is that the training and experience these Epic students will receive at Big Break will translate into incredible momentum for the gospel among the Asian Americans at UMass and Smith College.



Epic Big Break Mission Team

Please pray for Matt H., Jeff, Saul, John, David, Andrew, Stephen, Jessica, Sarah, Christina, Liza and Ji-Young, that they will be bold for the gospel, that God will bring in all the financial support for us all, and that their lives will be changed. Please pray also that as we take over 40 students down that our travels will be safe. Lastly, please pray

that God would use us and that we would see many come to know Him in our time there. 🐑

Last Year while we were at Big Break

People approached: 13,885
Conversations held with: 9,555
Share Gospel: 5,562
Received Christ: 674

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It was a crowded cafeteria and Jacob and I had been talking for over an hour. I had met Jacob through the lunch line survey that we had done earlier in the semester. When I had gone to his dorm room to do a follow up spiritual questionnaire, he was quite insistent.

"I am a theistic satanist, so don't even try to convert me. I will never never be a Christian.", he had said.

But, after a week, when I emailed him to see if he wanted to get together for lunch, he said yes and apologized for being rude. Talking with Jacob at the café, I got a peek into what drove this young man so far from God. The deep wounds, the powerlessness, the anger.

"You see, Joe, lust, gluttony, greed, cruelty, that's just part of being human. I acknowledge that, I don't repress it like Christianity teaches. That is true freedom. We should all do what makes us feel happy.", he smiled.

"But if you say that, then can there really be any right and wrong?", I began, "Now what about those people who you said hurt you. I believe what they did was very wrong, but, what if those people who hurt you were happy about what they

had done towards you?", I gently offered.

A sudden anger gripped Jacob. "THIS is what I get for talking with Christians?!", he spat and quickly got up and left. Shocked, I was unsure of what to do.

"Lord, what do I do?", I prayed, as Jacob walked out the door.

"For the son of man came to seek and save what was lost."

I chased him down, and smoothed things over. But as he walked away, a sense of uncertainty hung in the air.

Please pray for Jacob, as I continue to try and reach out to him. Pray also for Sean, a former satanist, now atheist whom I've also met recently. Please continue to pray for Rascild who I write about a few months ago, as well as David R, David B, McVandy, Vincent, Cherian, Devesh, and Aaron who are all men who the Lord has recently introduced me to, for the sake of the gospel. And please pray for the men in my small group to love the Lord with all their hearts, mind, soul and strength (Ray, Matt K., Jon, Kevin, Tim, Brendan, Jin, and Hermann). ☁️



PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) We are extremely encouraged to see the Lord continuing to increase our numbers. Please pray for the Lord to send more laborers, whether that is more student leaders, new staff or interns.
- 2) Please pray for continued wisdom in how to raise our wonderful children, and for the Lord to keep our family healthy, especially with the travel for Big Break, and the summer in Wildwood, NJ.
- 3) Please pray for God to give us wisdom as we work on plans to shore up our financial support over part of the summer. Please pray that the Lord would lead us to new ministry partners. Please pray for opportunities to share our ministry at churches and small groups and with individuals.
- 4) Please continue to pray for Joe and Jen to maintain a vital relationship with Jesus.
- 5) Please pray for continued wisdom on how to reach freshmen and how to better help students lead from their gifting.