



The Sillysheep Pen

finding the lost binding the brokenhearted

Real Hope by Joe Chau

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Luke, in the book of Acts, writes, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." As I write you this Christmas season, it is impossible to express the joy that this truth brings. Jesus is that name. In Him alone rests our salvation. He alone is good. What incredibly sweet words for a world desperate and dying for love, redemption, and fulfillment. And what an honor it is that we as the church are called to declare this good news.

This year has been an amazing year. God in His goodness has continue to bless our work here at UMass. We have seen more and more students involved with UMassCru (Campus Crusade for Christ at UMass), Epic, Athletes in Action and our local regional campuses (which are staff coached and student-led). We're thankful to see yet another record number of students from UMass already registered for the Boston Winter Conference (and hopefully still more will join us). The conference is an excellent opportunity for students to get some great teaching from nationally recognized teachers. Students will also to be challenged to grow, by sharing their faith on campuses and neighborhoods throughout Boston. We are so humbled that the Lord would continue to use us to reach more and more college students and to see them grow deeper in their faith.

As we look towards the next semester, it's hard to contain our excitement. We continue to expect really exciting things from God. Already we are

seeing a great deal of interest for our Spring Break missions trip down to Panama City, Florida. We are also seeing an increased desire among the students to conduct all manner or outreach activities to reach our campus. From Open Mic coffee houses, prayer tents, dorm pizza parties, to Asian banquets directed towards community leaders, it is exciting to see the kinds of things that our students are ready to trust God for. And it reminds us anew that our hope is laid squarely on the goodness of our great God, and

not our own strength. His desire is to find the lost and heal the brokenhearted. And His grace towards us is that He chooses to use us in His marvelous plans.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and financial sponsorship this year. And may our Lord bless our partnership as we forge into the new year, walking in step with the Holy Spirit to see the coming of His Kingdom and Righteousness. 

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.. Acts 4:12

Prayer Requests:

- 1) Please pray that Joe and Jen will be vitally connected to Jesus.
- 2) Please pray that the planning for our outreaches next semester will be thorough and that we'll see many students involved and many students come and hear the gospel.
- 3) Please pray for Big Break, that we'll see 10 Epic students and 25 UMassCru students go.
- 4) Please pray for our regional leaders as they decide on our summer assignment.
- 5) Please also pray for us to continue to find the new financial partners that we need.

If you would like to financially partner with our ministry, please give us a call or send your check to the address below. Please make checks out to "**Campus Crusade for Christ**" with our staff account number (**#0569044**) in the memo.

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An Update on our family:

We are just so thankful for our three wonderful children that God has given us. Lydia just turned 6 years old and has begun losing her teeth. We recently had a birthday party for her and it was a blast! She enjoys reading, boardgames, and dancing. Priscilla, who turned 4 this year, loves goats, rabbits and horses. She's probably working on a scheme to get us to allow her to have one. She also enjoys reading and playing "restaurant". Nathan, who is now 2½, is in love with planes, trains and automobiles. He loves the movie "Cars" from Pixar® and monster truck videos from YouTube, not to mention Thomas the tank engine. With three kids, life is pretty full and wonderful. They truly fill our days with joy.

May the Lord fill your lives with joy as you experience the love of our God who adopts us into His wonderful Family. Merry Christmas!

