

# The Sillysheep Pen

*finding the lost, binding the brokenhearted*



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*Most Wanted by Joe Chau*

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"You know we were all so excited when Olivia went up on stage at Big Break", began Yejin, a nursing student from Mount Holyoke College (affectionately called MoHo). Yejin is an Epic small group leader at MoHo and over the course of this year the group has steadily grown. This year, more MoHo students than every before participated in Big Break, one of whom was Olivia, an international student from Hong Kong.

in faith to start a spiritual conversation with. Jen nodded, and motioned for Yejin to continue, but she didn't need any encouragement, she was getting more and more excited.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

*- Romans 1:16*

"Well this year when Roger made us sit and pray about who we would put on our 'most wanted' list, I sat and prayed and it came to me. All of a sudden I realized that Olivia was on my list last year! I totally forgot that, it was because of the 'most wanted' list last year, that I started a spiritual conversation with Olivia and inviting her to my small group!", blurted Yejin excitedly. "Isn't God good!"




Matt Han and Olivia at Big Break 2012

Jen listened intently as they continued their conversation in our home. Yejin comes each week to be mentored by Jen. "It was so awesome! When Olivia told everyone that she had finally accepted Jesus as her savior, the entire audience went crazy!", reminisced Yejin. It was true. Even though the night had been filled with amazing faith stories of students coming to faith in Christ on the beach, something special happened and the room of 800 college students erupted in celebration at Olivia's confession of faith. It was heaven.

"But that's not when I was most amazed about what happened!", Yejin continued. "You know how at the end of Big Break, Roger Hershey asks everyone to make a 'most wanted' list?" A "most wanted" list was a list of 3 to 5 friends each student is challenged to pray for and step out



Yejin & Olivia on the bus down to Big Break 2012

Now, Olivia is full of excitement for her new life in Christ. She has been very open with all her friends and classmates about her new relationship with Jesus and has her own "most wanted" list. 

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# SUMMER PROJECTS


Each year hundreds of students from all over the world accept the challenge to offer up their summer to God and go on a "Summer Project" with Cru. Students step out in faith to raise financial support and go to locations all over the USA and around the world. This year we have had more students apply to summer project than ever before. It is an incredible opportunity for students to grow in their faith as they trust God to share their faith, and to be part of a transformational community, experiencing the Holy Spirit at work in and through a community of students and staff.

## Getting in the boat

In a crowded cafe on the UMass campus, Joe sat across from John, a freshmen from Northport, Long Island. John had grown up in a Italian Catholic home and always knew there was a God, but having arrived at UMass, he let his spiritual life take a back seat.

"I thought I knew the kind of college life I wanted. As soon as I arrived I wanted to pledge [a fraternity] and party. But it wasn't long before I realized that it wasn't what I wanted.", John began.

Often Summer Projects have been likened to a "spiritual greenhouse" and many students return full of faith and equipped as leaders.

Please pray for Jon, Esther S., Esther H., Nancy, Linda, Andy, Grace, Nicole, Shannon, Ryan, Kelly and Sarah who have all applied for projects this summer. Please pray for safety and smooth travel for Jon and Esther who will be going to closed countries. Lastly, please pray for Kevi, Mark, and others who are still considering the opportunity. 

[check out [www.gosummerproject.com](http://www.gosummerproject.com)]

Earlier this semester, a Cru student on John's floor invited him to a weekly meeting. Joe had spoken from Luke 8 about the disciples and Jesus on the boat, challenging our students to take whatever next steps of faith was appropriate and "get in the boat with Jesus." Afterwards, John came up to me and said "Joe, I want to get in the boat!" At the cafe, Joe shared with John how he could have a personal relationship with the God he had always known was there. John happily accepted God's offer of forgiveness and new life!



## NEW INTERNS

Please pray for our new interns (Christina, Chris, Shannon, Keith), who will be joining our three current interns who are already here at UMass next year, as they raise support.



## Prayer Corner

1. Please pray for Joe and Jenny, that we would maintain a vital relationship with Jesus and that we would make Him our first in everything.
2. Please pray for Matt Han, Jeff Chan and Aaron Fears as they will be leading summer projects and raising support for a 2nd year of internship.
3. Please join us in praying for revival on our campuses.
4. Our Campus Director will be away next year for Seminary so we will be stepping in to lead our team of staff and interns. Please pray for wisdom and protection for us as we take on this new role.
5. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to new financial partners who will partner with us for UMass, Smith College, Amherst College, & Mt Holyoke College.