

Holy Spirit

THE SILLY SHEEP PEN

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True Vine

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KINGDOM COME

by Joe Chau

"You know Joe, I really believe revival is coming to UMass", remarked Jon.


Sitting at the food court at the Prudential Center in Boston, Jon and I were just catching up in the midst of our packed 4 day schedule at the Campus Crusade North East Regional Boston Winter Conference. My schedule was packed because my job was to shoot and edit videos at the conference, as well as direct some of the main sessions. Jon's schedule was packed because of all the main sessions, seminars, after hours activities and outreaches to inner city Boston.

"Why Jon?", I asked.

"Well, you can just feel it. I mean...", started Jon, he couldn't quite find the words.

"I know what you mean, Jon, though only God can bring revival, something does seem to be happening here at UMass," I offered.

"Yea, and I really like that book you gave me." (**Fireseeds of spiritual awakening** by Dan Hayes, a book on the prayer and revival)

Since after the fall retreat, Jon has had an incredible heart for prayer. In specific prayer for the lost at UMass and spiritual awakening. He started a 6:30am prayer group that meets once a week to pray for the campus. And over the course of the semester, the group has grown. Now, Jon's thinking about starting another prayer group, calling more students to beseech the King of kings for the souls of students at UMass. And indeed as staff and students we do beg the author of Heaven and Earth for revival here at UMass. 

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is forcibly entered and violent people take hold of it.
- Matt 11:12 -



NOTES FROM A MISSIONARY MOM

by Jenny Chau



Each night at the Boston Winter Conference, in the hush of the evening as the kids have gone to bed, I found myself huddled on the floor of the hallway outside our hotel room with several staff moms from Yale, Cornell, SUNY Buffalo and SUNY Albany. Although, we shared about what the Lord is doing on our various campuses, our time was centered more on the precarious balance between ministry and family, the wear and tear it has on our marriages, and where the Lord was leading us this summer. Colorado, Maine, East Asia, South Africa. It's a unique experience being a missionary mom. The burdens and wisdom shared, the prayers offered for one another, huddled there each evening will not soon be forgotten.

Back in November we mentioned our prayer to see God raise up interns as laborers to join us here at UMass. Interns are students who have graduated and have chosen to investing a year or two in full time ministry on campus. They receive substantial training and coaching in direct evangelism and discipleship every day with a staff member. The experience they gain prepares interns for a lifetime of ministry as an ambassador of Christ wherever the Lord may call them there after. (graduate studies, secular vocation, seminary, fulltime ministry) As you have prayed, the Lord has put it on the hearts of four graduating women to consider an internship with us. During the conference, I had a chance to sit down with three of them and introduce them to Shannon, a 2nd year intern from the University of New Hampshire. The hour long discussion was lively and intense as Amanda, Kate, and Rachel peppered Shannon with questions about responsibilities, support raising, dating and God's calling. Please continue to pray that the Lord will lead their decisions as they graduate. Please also continue to pray that the the Lord will send laborers, both men and women to join with us and labor for the harvest. Indeed "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few".



"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing."

- John 15:5

EPIC OUTREACH

by Joe Chau

"Joe! I just got totally roasted!", Stephen's voice was shaky over the cellphone.

"What happened Steph?", I quickly inquired.

Stephen Ta, the president of the Epic Movement here at UMass, had just finished a meeting with the campus administration to try and get a room for our outreach. It would be the first outreach ever aimed at Asian Americans at UMass, that we knew of. The administrator had been hostile, demanding to know why the group existed and alluding to separation of church and state.

Later in the week we got together to pray as a group. We prayed for a room, we prayed for the administrator, that God would work in her life and bless her. We had a follow up appointment the following week. I spoke with the Stephen and Heuna (the vice president) just after the follow up meeting. "It's like she's another person, no really, she was like actually trying to help us!?" What an answer to prayer!

Although, there would be other hurdles, and again we would gather to pray, we were all amazed at the 40+ students who turned out for our Open Mic outreach.

Pray for us as we learn how to boldly proclaim the many excellencies of our Lord to the Asian American students here at UMass. 🐑



Is prayer your
steering wheel or
your spare tire?

-- Corrie Ten Boom



Prayer Requests

Upcoming Events to pray for - Spring 2009

01.26.09	first day of classes (raffle survey)
02.01.09	superbowl party
02.06.09	men's poker night
02.20.09	concert of prayer
02.24.09	coffee house outreach (open mic)
03.13-22.09	big break, panama city, fl http://www.big-break.com
03.29.09	slaying the giants week
04.07.09	resurrection outreach
04.12.09	easter
04.24-25.09	planning weekend for fall semester
05.01-02.09	camping trip

1. Pray for us to maintain a vital connection with Jesus through daily time in the word and through prayer.
2. Pray for our marriage to strengthen and grow in love and understanding.
3. Pray that the Lord would continue to give us wisdom on how to raise our lovely children and to give us the strength to love and guide them as a reflection of God's love and guidance toward us.
4. Pray that the Lord would draw our students into a deeper relationship with Jesus.
5. Pray for God to give us wisdom on how to prioritize between Cru and Epic and also how to go about maximizing our impact for Him.
6. Pray for revival here at UMass

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Please make checks out to "**Campus Crusade for Christ**" with our staff account number (#0569044) in the memo.

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