

The Seed in the Stump

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What Is The Maze?

Our “bread and butter” strategy to share the gospel with lost students on campus is to simply initiate personal conversations with them. But, every once in a while an incredible opportunity comes along that allows us to engage large numbers on campus all at once.

The Maze is a show put on by professional illusionist Jim Munroe. Through captivating monologues, fantastic illusions and through the sharing of his testimony, Jim was able to communicate the truth of the gospel in a compelling way to nearly two thousand students on our St. Louis campuses through four performances!

I (Joe) was in charge of overseeing the Maze performance at Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau. We have a young movement of students there (and no CCC staff that live nearby) so I was a bit apprehensive about how the performance would



go. The Lord is faithful and reminded me afresh that he cares more about the lost than I do. We ended up having nearly 700 students come to the event, with many of them indicating a decision for Christ. Please pray for them as our leaders on campus there begin to follow up with new believers.

Jim and the Maze would have never been able to come if it were not for your support, and we want to say “thank you” for being faithful to the Lord and the ways he is using you in our ministry. We hope you are encouraged by these stories this month.



Jim shocks students with card tricks in a frat house at SEMO to promote the show that night

Japanese language table

Many of you know that Felicity is taking an intensive Japanese language course at a nearby university. I (Joe) am taking nearly a full load at Covenant Seminary, as I work toward my mDiv before we move to Japan. While we are busy with ministry and school, we feel that the Lord has called us to create margin in our lives so that we can be intentional about building relationships with unbelievers.

One of the ways we’re doing this is by attending a Japanese language table group that meets every week at Webster University. We’ve become friends with the Japanese students that come and the teaching assistant, Kana, who runs the program. We’re having them all over to our house next week to make Japanese food. Pray that we would enjoy them and delight in

them as Christ does, and that while we do that we would have amazing opportunities to share the gospel.



Kana, Japanese language teaching asst at Webster U

Life Ops Conference

One of the many aspects of our job that we love is the way we get to challenge students to give a year of their life to full time missionary

service after they graduate. There is a conference this weekend designed to help students process their future vocation and calling. With such a great need to laborers overseas, please pray that many of our students in attendance would be moved to go abroad.



Joe & one of his disciples, Landon, in Asia this summer. Landon is seeking the Lord’s will for his future this weekend at the Life Ops Conf.

Please PRAY

- Pray for Landon, Tim, Althea, Katelyn, Matt, Blake, Emily, and Kevin who will be at the conference this weekend, processing their future. Pray that the Lord would communicate his will to them and give them the faith to follow.
- Pray for new relationships with Japanese students living in St. Louis.