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We want you to introduce you to our friend Molly. This is her story in her own words...



Megan, Molly, and Caitlin from Webster University

When I first came to Webster I only barely knew of God's existence. I didn't know if I believed in Him, I certainly didn't know why Jesus died, and I had absolutely no personal relationship with God. My freshman year at Webster I got involved in a very serious relationship with a girl. We moved in with each other almost immediately. The relationship was codependent,

manipulating and incredibly emotionally abusive. My sophomore year, she and I broke up and my world shattered. I fell into the deepest depression of my life when we broke up. Almost immediately though, I knew God was there.

I didn't know where to start so I walked into the Christian section at a bookstore. I began to devour one book after another and found it incredibly comforting to go to church just to cry. As I learned more about the Lord I became fascinated with this God who promised to never leave or forsake me. God pulled me close to His heart and I said the hardest words I ever had to say - "God, I'm giving myself to You. Do whatever you want with me."

It took me a long time to realize that God wasn't asking me to give up a lifestyle of selfishness, but He was freeing me from that lifestyle, a lifestyle that was displeasing to Him and absolutely heart wrenching for me. By others loving me so well through a church called The Journey and through CRU - God began to change my heart, introducing me to His Word so that I couldn't stop drenching myself in. I learned that Jesus truly does make ALL things new.

Be encouraged by Molly's story. God is at work in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Molly has recently joined our student leadership team and has a vibrant ministry to many at Webster. Thank you for being a part of her growth through your prayers and gifts!

Fall Getaway

We just returned from our annual fall retreat. Nearly 500 students from St. Louis joined us in central Missouri for a great weekend! We (Joe & Felicity) were in charge of a break out session for internationals in attendance. Students from 13 different countries came! Most of

them had never heard the story of Jesus' life. Chloe, from China shared, "I was raised like there was no God in the World." She was shocked and excited to hear the gospel for the first time!

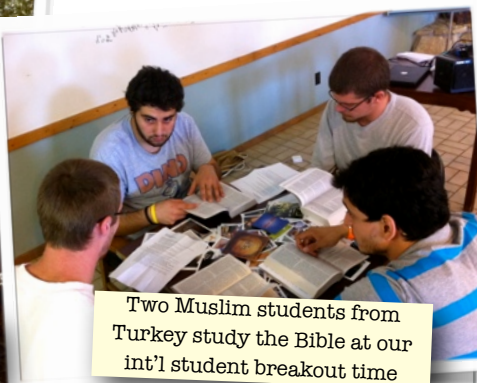
Conferences and retreats are an important part of our strategy on campus. Time and time again we've seen how they have helped develop the hearts of our students and provide them with tools to go out to share Christ with the world.



Felicity shares with Chloe & Alex from China



We had a great at Fall Getaway from Webster U this year!



Two Muslim students from Turkey study the Bible at our int'l student breakout time

Please PRAY

- Pray for Chloe, Alex, and the 30 other international students who came to our fall retreat - that the Lord would continue to pursue them in kindness, patience and love through us and others on campus.
- Pray for our future plans - things are slowly coming together for our move to Japan, but there are a lot of complex details still up in the air. Pray that we would be able to move in the summer of 2014 to begin ministering to the largest unreached nation in the world.