

# JOE & FELICITY CONGDON

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## THY KINGDOM COME...

Two thousand years ago a kingdom was revealed that did not fit the normal human pattern of rule. This kingdom came to bring hope and freedom to the poor, the downtrodden, and the sinner. It was a kingdom not of human design but of divine planning. Jesus Christ walked the earth proclaiming this kingdom - a kingdom that brings transformation to people desperately in need of the Savior.

During the first week of January, 1,400 staff and students from seven states gathered to worship the King and to grow in their relationship with Him during the Denver Christmas Conference (DCC). Students heard from passionate speakers, took part in a variety of seminars, were exposed to the needs of the nations, and learned about summer mission opportunities around the world.

Students partnered with local churches and community groups to embody the good news of the kingdom by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of Denver residents. On the final night of the conference, many students pledged to participate in the Great Commission this summer.

DCC 2009 challenged students and staff, alike, to reflect on the kingdom of God, to be transformed by it, and to faithfully serve the King as they seek to see the kingdom come to their campuses and the world.



Truman students gather to pray before heading out to serve the community of Denver.

*"This week has been life-changing for me. God has a plan for me, and it's not sitting on my butt."*

David's, from Webster U, thoughts on DCC



Felicity educating students in the Persecuted Church room at DCC.

## STUDENTS CARE FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

A "World Tour" during the conference allowed students to explore rooms representing places of the world where the Kingdom needs to come. Some of the room themes included: Unreached People Groups, Human Trafficking, the Persecuted Church, and Mega-cities.

To get to the hidden Persecuted Church room, which Felicity was in charge of creating, students were given secret instructions that forbid them from asking anyone about it. Two levels below the main floor of the hotel students found the "church," which was a meeting

place designed to raise awareness about the state of the Church worldwide.

I expected that about 200 students would find the room, but 500 came that night and were able to view news clips and listen to audio tracks of Christians from 15 different countries telling their personal stories of suffering for their faith. Some of the videos were quite graphic, and I was afraid students would immediately be turned off and leave. But many stayed for hours as their compassion grew for their persecuted Brothers and Sisters around the world.

One student, who grew up as a Christian in Saudi Arabia, came and shared *"It was so strange. The same fear I experienced growing up came back to me when I was sitting in that room."* We hope countless students will be moved to action as a result of the ways the Lord spoke to them at DCC.

## THANK YOU

for sending us on your behalf to labor for the Great Commission. We're so privileged to have your partnership and prayers!

*Joe & Felicity*

## PLEASE PRAY

- That the Lord would raise up laborers, specifically 30 students, who would join us in East Asia this summer.
- That he would use Tim and Veronica to launch our budding movement at St. Louis University.
- That we would enjoy Jesus and the new responsibilities He has given us this semester as we prepare for directing the trip to East Asia.
- That we would love our students well and enjoy them!