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New Life for Maggie

"You can drink on the weekends, but don't party during the week," one minister told Maggie as she sought answers on campus! This was confusing advice to give to an underage, broken young woman who was seeking spiritual and relational guidance. Understandably, Maggie spent her first three years in college very confused socially and spiritually. Little did she know, the Lord was pursuing her.

Megan and Maggie have been good friends since high school. Megan gave her life to Christ two years ago and shortly after began coming to CRU (Campus Crusade) at Webster. Megan's budding and abiding faith has been a constant encouragement to us in our personal lives and ministry at Webster. She is always desiring to grow, eager

to serve and ready to take steps of faith. We've had the privilege to train Megan with some practical ministry skills that have equipped to her to share the gospel on her campus here in St. Louis and also on campuses abroad in a closed country in Asia. God is using Megan.

Ever since she came to faith, Megan has been praying for her lost friends. As she prays for them, Megan has been engaging them in spiritual conversations, challenging them to consider the love of Christ. For years now Megan gently pursued and challenged Maggie with the beauty of the gospel. Just two weeks ago Maggie decided that Jesus did accomplish something for her on the cross that she needs - she gave her sins to Christ! Please pray that Maggie's faith would grow, bud and multiply just as Megan's has!



Megan (top) & Maggie

It feels like we've barely been in town for longer than one week at a time this winter. Here are some recent highlights from the past few months and some ways you can be praying for us.

➡Over 1,100 students joined us in Denver for our annual Christmas conference. While there, 80-90% of our students expressed interest in giving their summers to the Lord on a mission trip of some kind. Pray for us as we follow up with them.

➡We will be going back to East Asia this coming summer to help lead a trip of 65 students. Pray for us as we prepare spiritually, physically and financially for another summer sharing the gospel among college students who have never heard of Jesus.

➡Zoey turned one year old on Jan. 28 and celebrated with her first bite of cake!

➡In just three weeks we'll be in Panama City Beach, FL for the Big

Break evangelism training conference with our students. Pray that 10 would come from Truman State and 5 would come from Webster. It is a real step of faith for them. Please pray the Lord would burden their hearts and that many would come learn how to share the gospel effectively and relevantly.

➡Joe spent this past weekend in Kirksville leading 13 guys through a seminar on Biblical Masculinity & Dating. Pray that these young men would continue to trust God with their lives, make decisions in which they lay down their lives for others, following in the example of the Jesus Christ, the ultimate Man.

➡Ever since we met, we have have been talking about moving overseas to bring the gospel to an unreached people group. We feel the Lord telling us that time has come, and we are in the (slow)process of moving our family over to Japan long-term. More details will be coming soon. In the meantime please be praying for wisdom and discernment from the Lord as we wrestle through this big decision!

moving to Japan??



Zoey's 1st B-day!



Truman State students at Christmas conference

Please PRAY

- for direction for our family and ministry in the future - should we move to Japan? When? How? In what capacity?
- for a retreat for international students we are directing April 8-10, we're praying for 100 students from 20 different countries to attend!
- for more leaders, men in particular, to step up to lead at Truman State, Webster, and Meramec Community College.