



Josh (in the middle in yellow) with some of his friends from SLU, Webster and Truman State.

March

Josh Sees His Need for Christ

In March, 75 St. Louis students joined thousands of other college students from around the country for the annual Big Break evangelism training conference in Panama City Beach, Florida. Josh, an international student from St. Louis University, decided to go because he has grown to love the Campus Crusade community at a nearby school. Josh was not a Christian before the trip but ended up accepting Christ the week after he returned to school. Seeing so many Christians live out their faith that week helped him to really understand the gospel.

April

The World Comes to Us

International students represent a very strategic mission field as they come to study in the U.S., so we hosted an international student retreat over Easter weekend. Students from eight different countries had a chance to experience many firsts: riding horses and hay wagons, dying eggs, eating s'mores, engaging in Bible study and singing worship songs. Prasul, from Nepal, said it was the best weekend he's had since he's been in America. Laila, an Algerian diplomat's daughter, said she didn't know any Bible stories before this retreat. Greta, from Hungary, brought her small-group Bible study to the camp and said the weekend greatly strengthened her faith.



International students experience American culture & study the Bible over Easter weekend.



May

Making Missions a Priority

Ian, an SIUE student, recently placed his faith in Christ. He soon began hearing many of his new friends talk about how going on a summer missions project significantly impacted their walks with God last summer. Recently, Ian told his parents that he'd decided to take an extra semester to graduate so that he could go on summer project this summer. Ian is just one of more than 60 St. Louis area students who are taking huge steps of faith to talk to parents and raise financial support, so they can invest their summers in growing spiritually and taking the gospel to all the ends of the earth!



Guys at our men's retreat grow closer together.

A girl fills out a survey at an outreach event in the quad.



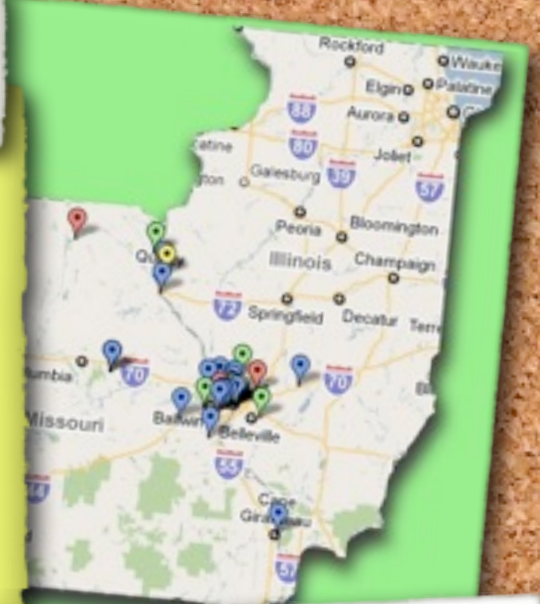
The Year in Review

Campus Crusade for Christ | St. Louis Metro Area

Sowing, pruning, and growing. People often use these farming terms to describe ministry. I think that the best farming word to describe the 2009-2010 year in St. Louis would be "harvest." We rejoice to tell you that, by God's grace, there are now more students involved with Campus Crusade for Christ on more campuses with greater diversity than ever before.

So, are you ready for some encouragement? We wanted to share these stories of God's blessing from the past year. They stand as evidence of God's faithfulness, as you have partnered with us on campus. We trust that this "year in review" will bring great joy to you. Again, we say thanks for your concern to see that every student knows someone who truly follows Jesus.

Dan Allan
St. Louis Metro Director



1,000 students involved on 30+ campuses...
Reaching out to 170,000 students on 40+ campuses!



Karl & Meg Glendenning, Scott & Erica Goodyear

Dan & Holly Allan

Doug & Amy Karst

Angela & Bryan Knedgen

Zack Park

Tim & Aubrey Dorsch, Justin & Kate Stringer

Joe & Felicity Congdon, JB & Abbie Windle

Corey Hasting & Kara Haithcoat

Lee & Laura Watkins, Stefan & Beth Helm

"Thank You" from the St. Louis Area Staff team!

Summer 2009

"He Has Conquered My Soul"

Our team's desire is to send laborers generously to all the ends of the earth. Therefore we mobilize staff and students to participate in international missions each summer. In 2009, 20 staff and students traveled to East Asia for seven weeks to extend the gospel on the campuses of this highly strategic yet "spiritually closed" country. The team saw 31 students indicate decisions to put their faith in Christ as they built relationships and talked about Jesus. During follow up, one of the students, named Iron, was asked, "Have you received Jesus as your personal Savior?" Iron responded, "He has conquered my soul." Within two days of becoming a follower of Christ, Iron had shared the good news of Christ with his mother.



An American student takes time to teach an East Asian student about the Bible.

September

Reaching Students on Every Campus

Launching movements on every campus is a first step toward putting the gospel within arm's reach of every student. To launch movements, we must have student leaders. So, when Tim, a senior at Quincy University, attended our Leaders' Overnight, we identified him as that potential leader. He quickly showed himself to be faithful and able to teach others. As we finish the school year, there are 15-20 students meeting regularly for prayer, Bible study and outreach. Tim will be working at QU this fall as part of the campus administration and has passed the torch of leadership along to another student.



Families Changed by the Gospel

Jared, a student leader at SIUE, shared the gospel with Dylan, a student who had indicated that he wanted to know more about a relationship with God during one of our giveaways on campus. During that meeting, Dylan indicated a decision to receive Christ! Dylan began attending our weekly meeting and started bringing his sister, Emily. Two months later, Emily placed her faith in Christ!

Crossing Cultures for the Sake of the Cross

We are always seeking to establish Christian movements in every area of campus in order to reach every student. In November, our team invested three days to launch movements for Christ exclusively among African-American students on six area campuses. Historically, African-American students have been underrepresented among our involved students, so these days were of special importance. Staff member Lee Watkins spent his week at Harris-Stowe State University. As Lee began sharing about Jesus with a student, others began listening in. Lee kept pulling out additional copies of the gospel presentation as more students joined the conversation! Wrapping up the conversation, Lee summarized the gospel one last time and gave the six students who had gathered an opportunity to respond. All six invited Christ into their lives! Our follow-up of new Christians continues at Harris Stowe and other area campuses from these strategic days of outreach.



Meeting new Harris-Stowe students on campus

December

October

A Wife's Prayer Is Answered

Sabin, an MBA student at Wash U and a successful businessman back in China, attended our Fall Getaway weekend with 425 other St. Louis-area students. The getaway launched Sabin on a semester-long search for truth. Later staff member Tim Dorsch encouraged David, a Wash U student leader, to invite Sabin to dinner and to share the Gospel with him. David later sent an email to Tim that said, "Sabin decided that he wanted to begin a relationship with God through Jesus... It turns out that Sabin's wife is a Christian and has been praying for him for years!"



Sabin (holding the cards) discusses a short film with other int'l students at Fall Getaway.



Students celebrate at our winter conference!

January 2010

Growing in Faith

Each Christmas break, thousands of students gather for conferences where they go deeper in their faith and acquire training that will assist them in multiplying their Christian faith to others. Each year, students hear from God, acknowledge their need for Jesus, find healing for brokenness, obtain freedom from addictions, seek guidance for their future, and become more grounded in Scripture. Because of all of this, students from the Missouri University of Science and Technology were very excited to bring four times as many students to this year's winter conference as compared to last year! As a result, students have expanded their influence on campus and have given leadership to a campus-wide outreach this spring.

Friends Bringing Friends to Jesus

What greater love can one friend show to another friend than to help meet his greatest need? Scott, a Southeast Missouri State student, began to bring his roommate, Mike, to a Bible study this fall because he wanted to see Mike become a Christian. In October, Mike decided to dedicate his life to Christ. Mike realized that, because Jesus changed his life, he needed to tell his friends about Jesus! Two days later, Mike brought his friend Steven to Bible Study. After Bible study, Steven prayed with staff member Justin Stringer and became a Christian!



Training students in evangelism is an essential part of discipleship.

Making Disciples for a Lifetime

150 students from 25 campuses all over Missouri and Illinois joined us in January for our Leaders' Overnight, a weekend of practical training for student leaders each semester. Using Matthew 28:18-20 and II Timothy 2:2 as our theme verses, this training focused on life-on-life discipleship. We challenged students to identify other potential leaders to pour into, and to begin to make disciples for Christ on their campuses. This simple, powerful model continues to give lift to our movements throughout our scope of ministry!

November

Reaching the World through Partnership

In November, eleven staff arrived in our partnership city in East Asia for a week of helping to extend the gospel to students on the campuses there. We share a vision with the national leadership of this country to see 100,000 college student missionaries sent from this influential nation by 2020. These students will go as missionaries to countries that are largely inaccessible to Americans. Currently, our team on location is active on about fifteen campuses with about 40 student leaders—almost all of whom have become Christians within the previous 18 months. Julia, one of two known believers on her campus, has an incredible heart to reach her classmates even without the fellowship of many believers around her. Our team used the week in country to train her and other student leaders to walk closely with God and to share their faith with others.



Julie (left) and Erica (middle) spend time on campus together.



Two Webster students ask local pastor, Joey Lindsey, some questions after the forum. Joel was our guest speaker for the God & Sexuality Forum.

February

The God Forums

How do you reach students who describe themselves as so distant from God that it is difficult to even initiate a meaningful conversation? This semester at Webster University we hosted four forums about God's view on issues relevant to students. After polling several people, we settled upon sexuality, suffering, human rights and the environment as the topics for the series. This stream of events came about after our group met with the Gay & Lesbian Student Alliance on campus to discuss a film about Christianity and the Bible's stance on homosexuality. That night and the subsequent forums led to the building of many bridges between our communities.