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Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere

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About an hour after the morning meeting was dismissed, students from various parts of the US scattered across the beaches, shopping areas, and boardwalks of Panama City Beach, Florida. Anxious, nervous, fearful, excited, and expectant are some words that could be used to describe the feelings of these students. As students walked off in groups of 2 or 3, our heartbeats increased knowing that the life changing message of the Gospel was going to be shared with thousands of college students on spring break that first week in March.



The whole RIT group



RIT students during praise and worship at a meeting

This was the usual scene played out before our eyes each day as we were in Panama City Beach for Big Break 2009. As we shared in our newsletter last month, Big Break is a mission experience that gives college students the opportunity to grow in their walk with God and learn how to share their faith with others. For us, and many of the RIT students that went, it was our first Big Break experience. It was amazing to see how God worked and moved in the lives of college students.

"Big Break was amazing. Everyone came back and said we need to tell people about Jesus." ~ Ashley ~
"Big Break was my growth spurt as a Christian. I feel really blessed I got to go." ~ Shannon ~
"I had never tried to talk to people about my faith before. Communicating is really hard for me because I became deaf 3 years ago. But it was really encouraging to experience Big Break." ~ Anne ~
"God's been showing me a lot about faith. Rather than look for the end result God has been showing me to look at what he's doing with the next step." ~ Shellae ~
"I really enjoyed going to Big Break. Before I was doubtful God would work but I saw God do wonderful things and we learned a lot on how to share our faith. It really helped me grow spiritually. And I've had a lot more motivation to grow spiritually now that I'm back on campus." ~ Auzy ~
"It was crazy because I registered [for Big Break] at the last minute. God changed me so much. On the first day I was so terrified to share my faith. It was the first time I completely trusted God in evangelism, because I'm even scared to tell people at school I'm a Christian. It [Big Break] will change you and stretch you like crazy!" ~ Nick (a University of Rochester student who went on Big Break week 2) ~



Emily, Shannon, Auzy, Juan, and Carolina



Philip, Robin, Auzy, and Eric

We are praising God for what He did in the four weeks of Big Break 2009! It's really neat to look back after the conference has finished to see the number of people God allowed to be changed by the Gospel! Overall, 1,288 college students trusted Christ as their Savior as a result of Big Break!

Big Break 2009 Statistics

Week 1: 1,638 conversations held with people; 838 people heard the Gospel shared; 40 received Christ

Week 2: 8,630 conversations held with people; 4,617 people heard the Gospel shared; 312 received Christ

Week 3: 9,555 conversations held with people; 5,562 people heard the Gospel shared; 674 received Christ

Week 4: 3,374 conversations held with people; 2,088 people heard the Gospel shared; 262 received Christ