

October 18, 2010



## Notes From Dan and DeAnn!

### Changed Lives Around the World...

In the last book of the Bible, Revelation, it says that around the throne of God there will be representatives from every tribe, tongue, and nation. Our great desire is that we would be used by the Lord to help see that happen. This year at Madison, God has been bringing international students into relationship with Himself. Cole is one of the guys I am privileged to work with. This is his story:

On September 2, I walked up to the door of a student from China, named David (his English name) with a 30 second survey in my hand. I had no idea what God had in store for me on the other side of that door. David welcomed me into his room and after a little while, I asked him about his spiritual background. When he said that he had no spiritual background, I asked him what he knew about Jesus. He responded, "Who is Jesus?" In that moment, I was completely humbled. I had never spoken to anyone about Jesus who had never heard of Him before. The Lord took over and shared the gospel with David through me. He had always wondered what being a Christian was like as he had heard of some people becoming Christians in China. He asked a lot of questions and was very interested in what we were talking about. I could tell that Jesus was already in the process of changing David's life. At the end of our hour long talk, David said that he was very thankful that I came by to reach out to him. I left with the biggest smile on



David and Cole after PrimeTime, about five days before David gave his life to Christ!

my face. God had opened my eyes and was opening the eyes of David as well.

Although he wasn't ready to accept Christ yet, he wanted to join my Bible Study to learn more about Jesus. At our first Bible Study, David loved the Parable of the Sower and said that he wanted to be the good soil that Jesus was talking about. I left the Bible Study with tears of joy in my eyes, knowing that none of this was

because of what I did, but rather what the Lord was doing through me. Thirsty for more, David came to Primetime and enjoyed it so much. He loved learning about Jesus. Afterwards, he thanked the speaker for the message and said that it "shined a light into my heart." On Sunday, he went to church with me and enjoyed his first church service. David is on the verge of accepting Christ. Our Bible Study is praying for him, and I would appreciate your prayers as well! Pray for David and pray that Jesus will continue to pour out through me.

Cole sent this to me in an email and just a few days later, before I was even able to get this out to you, David put his faith in Jesus! He has been a sponge soaking up spiritual truths as he goes to church, Bible study, PrimeTime, and recently our men's overnight (where he swung an axe for the first time, which was cool!) Thank you for investing in David's life. He is a changed life who will bring the truth about Jesus, who he now knows personally, back to his home country. Please continue to pray for David's growth. Pray for Cole as he disciples David through this time. There are many more stories which I don't have space to write so I would just ask you to continue to lift us, the students, and the ministry as a whole up to Lord in prayer. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We would be unable to do this without you!