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Notes From Dan and DeAnn!

"Because of Jesus I now have hope."

Holding a mic for students to share what the Lord had done in their lives over the weekend was one of the highlights of Fall Getaway for me. Every year at this retreat the Lord meets with students in a very personal way and changes their lives. From coming to faith for the first time to learning to trust and walk with Him more closely. This year was no exception. Thank you for making stories like these possible!



The messages over the weekend were from the book of Ruth. An international student from China was the first to share. He had come to faith about a month before Fall Getaway and he said that when the speaker shared Ruth 1:16, "Your people will be my people and your God my God" that it was true for him now! Perhaps the most significant part of what he shared was when he concluded with this: "I hope someday I can bring this good news to my homeland."

The next student shared how he had been struggling after the death of a close family member, but how being at Fall Getaway had reminded him that God is good and would carry him through any difficulty. "After this weekend," he said, "I feel encouraged, comforted and ready to take on whatever task God has for me."

A student named Chris shared next: "My source of security was coming from my girlfriend and other friendships, but God has been telling me that He is all that I need. Because of Jesus, I now

have hope."



Special Prayer Request:

Dan will be leading a trip in November for UW-Madison students to a large East Asian country. This country is very spiritually dark and we desire to bring the light of the gospel. I will share more later but for now : Please **pray** for the team. **Pray** for openings to share about Jesus. **Pray** for safety while in country and during travel. **Pray** that we would encourage the long term staff in country. Thanks!

Many more students shared—but let me finish by relating what Mark, a freshman from Wausau, shared. He arrived at Fall Getaway a skeptic. A guy in my Bible study had known him in high school and had been praying for him for five years. Mark was an agnostic, but at Fall Getaway the Lord did a work in his life. Mark stood up in front of 200 students and said, "As of last night, I've chosen to fill that void [in my life] with Christ. Thank you to all of you. Let's walk with the Lord together."