

August 27, 2008



Notes From Dan and DeAnn!

Leadership Advance



Students and staff joining in praise and worship

This past weekend we had our first “Leadership Advance.” So why a “leadership advance” and not a “leadership retreat?” Because there was no retreating at this weekend... It was all engines forward! We had 85 student leaders praying, planning, and dreaming about what ministry at UW-Madison will look like this year. It was an exciting time of starting our advance into the semester! Please be praying for the upcoming events.

These first six weeks are extremely important in terms of reaching students for Jesus. It is a time when freshmen make decisions that will affect the rest of their lives. Because of this, the first six weeks are a sprint with lots of different events designed to reach freshmen. You can see an outline of the schedule below. Please put this up somewhere that reminds you to pray that students would come to know Christ during these first six weeks!

Major Events Calendar:

Aug 27: Move-in begins

Aug 29: Freshman convocation / Party at the MOB house

Aug 30: Freshman cookout at Platteville

Sep 1: Library Mall kick-off

Sep 2-3: Dinner line surveys in the dorms

Sep 4: First Primetime (large group meeting) followed by an ice-cream social

Sep 5: Softball and cook-out

Sep 7: Movement meeting

Sep 8: Platteville D-day

Sep 8-10: Bible studies begin

Sep 12: Night of Prayer and Worship

Sep 18: New student bash

Sep 19: Men's and Women's overnights

Sep 21: Movement meeting

Oct 3: Fall Ball

Oct 5: Movement meeting

Oct 17-19: Fall Getaway

What can happen in four years?

“Four years ago, half of us were not walking with Jesus.” This is

what one of the 11 students, who are going to a closed East Asian country, told the group of us this past weekend. These students are giving up at least a year of their lives to be missionaries overseas. They are visible reminders of how God changes lives! It is so exciting to think of them being used by God to see lost students reached for the Lord!

Now think about the potential as this week the freshman walk onto campus. How many of those students, far from the Lord today, four years from now will be going to the world to reach the nations for Christ? So please let your prayers be visionary for these freshmen. And please pray for the Madison students who will be ministering around the world this next year.

Prayer and Praise:

- 1) Pray for all that is going on over these next six weeks. There are outreaches, parties, surveys, etc. and they are all designed to share Christ with as many students as possible.
- 2) Pray for DeAnn and the pregnancy. Praise God that both her and the baby are in good health and that everything is going well!
- 3) Along with Madison, Dan will be traveling to Platteville regularly to help plant a movement there. On the 30th we have our first major event there. Pray that we would find contacts and that we would surface future leaders there as well.