



The Lamb Family

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A Theme of Grace

As I met with each of our students, I found myself saying the same thing over and over again. "You don't become saved by doing good things, it is Jesus alone." As I reflect on who is involved with our ministry, it is either students who don't know Jesus or students who have just started believing in Jesus. In either case the **idea of grace is foreign to them**. So among many other verses, I have especially gone to Ephesians 2:8-9 seemingly thousands of times to drive this point home:

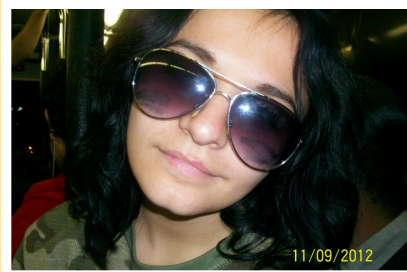
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

I wish you could see smiles and weight that is lifted off these student's backs when they realize they don't have to do all this stuff to become saved or to remain saved.

But, now I find myself preaching another idea; "read your Bible". Honestly, since I began going to CRU in 1996, this group of students **reads their Bibles less then any other student group I have been a part of**. It might be a Buffalo thing, or maybe the new digital generation of students. Regardless, I went easy with them at the beginning of the semester, but I felt like the Lord wanted me to be bold and challenge these students to step up and start getting into His Word. I have been telling them if they don't they will be missing out on knowing Him and all God has to offer them. And that they will just continue to believe the lies of this world and from the college scene. Would you pray with us that the saving grace of Jesus would be irresistible, and their desire to pursue Him in the Word would increase?

Meet Diane

I met Diane last spring after she transferred into UB. She is petite, outgoing, and proud of her Mexican heritage. Diane grew up going to church from time to time and believing in a god and though she has a desire to believe in Jesus, she says she has been holding back. Being a science major she has a lot of questions about what is really true in the Bible. Diane also struggles with the stress of school and relationships. She says, "I have a hard time believing with all that stress." In the midst of Diane discovering who God truly is, she feels safe going to CRU. **She said Cru is "kind of a little family I can joke around with, and just come learn more about God, and not feel bad or judged."** The craziest thing about Diane is in the midst of her search for truth, she is probably the student that talks to others about Christ the most. She is continually bringing her friends and normalizing faith in Christ for others. Can you imagine the influence she could have once she has the Spirit living within her? Would you join us in playing for Diane?



Mini Van Ministry

There are wonderful Bible teaching churches in Buffalo but we noticed that students were not attending. We have found that the majority of students don't have cars. So most Sundays our family eats pancakes and then frantically packs up three kids in order to head out to campus to pick up students. We push the empty juice boxes aside on the car seats and pack in the students. Our desire is to see students get connected and grow in their faith in the whole of the church body. And we don't want church to be a foreign place when they graduate. It just happens to be a bonus to have extra hands to carry the little ones. :)

Thank you for the significant way you are involved with the ministry of college students. Your support of our family and this ministry is truly a blessing.

THANK YOU!!!