

The Lamb Family

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I (Kevin) just got back from 10 days driving back and fourth across America from Buffalo, NY to Panama City Beach (PCB), Florida in a caravan of 4 vehicles carrying 36 college students from Buffalo. At least 6 of the students aren't Christians, but most are searching spiritually. So, as you can imagine we had a lot of great conversations with them. One guy is actually from Saudi Arabia and he doesn't speak a lot of English, but we were able to use a Cru app called "God Tools" to go over the Gospel with him in his own language!

Normally, we just go to PCB for a big conference where students learn to share their faith and practice talking to other college students on the beach. But, this past October Hurricane Micheal made landfall, devastating Panama City Beach leaving them to pick up the pieces of their homes and lives. To get an idea of the devastation, in the past 5 months, 34 years worth of garbage had been collected in PCB from the hurricane! We were shocked to see that there was still so much more destruction even 5 months later. So, this year we decided to still train our students how to share their faith and give them a chance to practice on the beach, but we also wanted to help the community that has been so dear to us for so many spring breaks in the past.

We were working with a local church and helping them to clean up their neighboring streets. One house we came by had so many trees that had fallen down on the house and in the yard that there had only been cleared a path so they could get in and out of the house.

When we knocked on the door to see if they wanted help, Kathy an elderly lady came out and started to cry. She said that, "just the day before the city had sent me a fine for my yard still being a mess." She went on to say "What can I do? Even if I was young I can't clean this all up by myself, and I can't possibly afford to pay someone to come clean this up." Over the next day and half we had chain saws and about 30 students picking up, sweeping, and racking her yard clean. One of the volunteers that does this kind of work for a living said, "the work we did would have been more than \$8000." It was an exhausting but meaningful week as we were privileged to serve people physically and spiritually.



36 Students from 3 Buffalo colleges in FL on spring break doing hurricane relief work and learning to share their faith

The first week back:

So it was a great trip that rocked students worlds, but will it make any difference in their lives. Well, this week I was meeting up with Sully a Jr. student from Daemen and he said, "So there is this girl on my track team that has been asking me about spiritual things and why I believe in God for a while now. Since you guys trained me on how to share the Gospel and I got to practice in PCB, I felt equipped and asked her if she wanted to go through a booklet that explains the Gospel and what I believe. So, I just got done going through it with her for the last hour."

Over at the University at Buffalo 2 other Cru leaders I work with Craig and Kelechi because of their experience at PCB decided they want to start sharing their faith on campus weekly by talking to other students about their beliefs and seeing if they want to know more about Jesus. I saw them last night at the Cru weekly meeting and they said, "We just had an amazing conversation with a guy on campus about Jesus, and we are pretty sure he became a Christian today! We are going to meet up with him tomorrow to talk to him more."

Thanks so much for being a part of what God is up to on the college campuses, we can't do this with out people like you!

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