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Freshman trusts Jesus at Fall Retreat

Isaac grew up in a rough family. His parents are divorced, his dad has been in prison, and his mom has had many different men in the house while he grew up. His mom took him to church on an occasional Sunday, but Isaac always felt like an outsider and he was judged constantly by his youth group peers for the way he dressed and talked. He was always considered a rebel and so that's what he has become, looking for life and acceptance through drugs and alcohol, and anything else that would help him escape the reality of his past and present. Isaac is a freshman at Ball State now. He works in the cafeteria in order to pay for his own tuition. He's never been to a CRU meeting, never been to a CRU Bible study, or even met anyone involved in CRU in his dorm.



But God, who is in control of all things, caused Isaac to come to our Fall Retreat. He knew one person involved in CRU from high school, her name was Hannah. The week before Fall Retreat Hannah invited Isaac to come. The reasons not to come were plenty, I don't know anyone, there will be a lot of Christians there and they don't accept me, I don't have an extra \$45 to afford to go, and on and on. But God wasn't going to let those excuses stop Isaac from going, He had a plan. Through many acts of God, including somehow receiving an extra \$50 in his paycheck that week, Isaac was left with no excuses. As I found out later, God had been working on his heart in other ways too.

We spoke Saturday afternoon at the retreat. He told me that he's always believed in God, but never really knew anything about Him. His only perception about God came from his experience in church, which caused him to think, "if Christians don't accept me, then why would God?" **As we talked he shared with me how accepted he felt that weekend by the students involved with CRU.**

Late into the night on Saturday three CRU students were talking with Isaac about how Jesus freely accepts all who come to Him. With a genuine heart Isaac asked Jesus to come into his life. Isaac is now meeting with an upperclassman to talk more about what it means to follow Christ.

Let's thank God together that He is in control and that Isaac is now beginning to experience an eternal relationship with Jesus.



PRAYER CORNER

- ◆ ISAAC WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW IN HIS FAITH. GOD WILL BRING PEOPLE INTO HIS LIFE THAT REPRESENT WHAT GOD REALLY IS LIKE.
- ◆ THE SOULARIUM OUTREACH WE HAVE HAPPENING WOULD GO WELL. STUDENTS WOULD BE STEPPING OUT IN FAITH AND SHARING THE GOSPEL.
- ◆ MEN'S NIGHT ON NOV. 10. STUDENTS WOULD INVITE NON-CHRISTIANS TO COME. COMMUNITY WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW AMONG THE MEN.

Thank you so much for partnering with our family to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

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