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Dear «Greeting»,

How can one sum up, on one page, a four day conference, with 1814 students, dynamic speakers who shared real life stories alongside Scripture, over 30 developmental seminars to build their faith, a whole day dedicated to giving food to needy downtown Indy areas and countless lives changed? Let's give it a shot.

The Theme: "The Seed" was the theme this year, taken specifically from the *Parable of the Sower* in the Gospels. In the parable, God's Word goes out and we see that people respond to it in different ways, both immediately and over time. We asked the students: did you identify with one of the seeds when you first heard God's message of saving faith? What about now? We all have choices as it relates to God's truth in our lives. How has the gospel changed us and how is it continuing to change us?

The Main Speaker: James White is the senior pastor of Christ Our King Community Church in Cary, North Carolina. Before this, he spent 20 years on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ. James cut right to the core of our hearts – helping us understand who God is and what He wants to do in our lives.

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The Day of Outreach: On the 3rd Day of our conference, every student was grouped into threes, given a "Box of Love" (various food and materials), and given training on how to share the gospel with those they would take the boxes to. Also, 42 men went to do an outreach at a prison and Spanish speakers went into Hispanic areas to share the gospel. From this incredible day of doing good deeds coupled with sharing good news, we saw 155 people make a decision for Christ as their Savior. From there, those who indicated a decision for Christ will be followed up by the local church we partnered with.

One student shared: "I was talking with a sweet woman in her home and she said that she did not own a Bible. So I gave her mine. She immediately started weeping. All I could think about was how I take my Bible for granted...."

The Ambassador's Pledge: On the evening of December 30th, students were challenged to be a part of "The Ambassador's Pledge" Here's what the pledge says..."I choose this day by faith to go where Christ wants me to go, to do what He wants me to do, to say what He wants me to say, to give what He wants me to give, to be a laborer in the Harvest, for the glory of Christ. This is my pledge." 1,107 students took the Pledge! Other commitments that were made were 402 students wanting to go on a summer project with Campus Crusade, 180 desiring to do a one year internship with Cru and 111 wanting to join staff! God worked in awesome ways to move students to walk more closely with Him, surrender their will to His will for them and share the gospel with others as an ambassador for His kingdom!

Of course, as I indicated earlier, this is just scratching the surface, one small view, a few short conversations. God has worked and is still working in the lives of these precious students. Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to help turn lost students into Christ-centered laborers.



Enjoying winter in Muncie!

Trusting the Lord to move,

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