

# Campus Crusade for Christ

## THE REDDY FAMILY

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Turning Lost Students Into Christ-Centered Laborers

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### “You Know, Mary the Whore.”

The beginning of the fall semester is always filled with interesting conversations as we meet and engage with a variety of students from a variety of backgrounds. One of our staff women had a conversation with an NIU student that went a little something like this...

Chasity (staff): What do you think of Christianity?

Student: It seems made up. It's hard to believe all those crazy stories.

Chasity: What about the resurrection? I know it seems crazy, but the whole religion is based on it being true.

Student: How can we know it's true when only one person said they saw him alive, I think her name was Mary... Mary... you know, Mary the whore.”

Where do you go from there? In part she's right; Mary Magdalene (formerly a prostitute) was the *first* to see Jesus outside the empty tomb, but we know from reading the rest of the gospel accounts that Jesus appeared to his closest friends multiple times and the apostle Paul says he appeared to over 500! Half truths, patchwork beliefs, and an overall skepticism towards Jesus and the Bible is a pretty common description of the average college student. The inspiration, **inerrancy**, and authority of the Bible is always a point of discussion with evangelistic conversations. But, it is students just like this one that we believe God wants to radically transform into Christ-worshippers.

Despite these obstacles to believing the gospel we've seen God's relentless grace forge through the countless questions to bring saving faith in Christ. Check out what God has done!

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.”

John 20:18



The family outside our new campus of Northern Illinois University

❖ Nearly 1,000 students filled out a spiritual interest survey the first week.

❖ Close to 100 students showed up to our first gathering.

❖ 9 students have professed new faith in Christ since the beginning of the semester. That's a lot!



Our new team!  
Pray for men to join us!

Yours In Christ,  
*Jeremy and Heather*  
*Ethan, Sydney,*  
*Teagan and Isley*