



Dear Partners,

As we have said before, we really are blessed to work with so many passionate, gifted students. They lead Bible studies, share their faith, and lead teams of students to proclaim God's name. Be encourage as you read the words of Cole, a UW-Madison senior.

On September 2, I walked up to the door of a boy from China, named Zexi Lin, with a 30 second survey in my hand. I had no idea what God had in store for me on the other side of that door. Zexi (he also goes by David) welcomed me into his room and after a little while, I asked him about his spiritual back-



Zexi and Cole

ground. When he said that he had no spiritual background, I asked him what he knew about Jesus. He responded, "Who is Jesus?" In that moment, I was completely humbled. I had never spoken to anyone about Jesus who had never heard of Him before. The Lord took over and shared the Knowing God Personally booklet with Zexi through me. He had always wondered what being a Christian is like as he had heard of some people becoming Christians in China. He asked a lot of questions and was very interested with what we were talking about. I could tell that Jesus was already in the process of changing Zexi's life. At the end of our hour long talk, Zexi said that he was very thankful that I came by to reach out to him. He said that he has been lonely and that he has been struggling to relate with Americans. I left with the biggest smile on my face. God had opened my eyes and was opening the eyes of Zexi as well.

Although he wasn't ready to accept Christ yet, he wanted to join my Bible Study to learn more about Jesus. At our first Bible Study, Zexi loved the Parable of the Sower and said that he wanted to be the good soil that Jesus was talking about. I left the Bible Study with tears of joy in my eyes, knowing that none of this joy was because of what I did, but rather what the Lord was doing through me. Thirsty for more, Zexi came to our weekly meeting, Prime-time, and enjoyed it so much. He loved learning about Jesus. Afterwards, he thanked the speaker, Adam Penning, for the message and told him that it shined a light into his heart. On Sunday, he went to Blackhawk Church with me and enjoyed his first church service.

A few days later, on September 15th, Zexi became a believer! After our second Bible study, he said that he was ready to pray to Jesus. I was in absolute awe at what the Holy Spirit had been doing in him between times that we were together. We went outside to sit on the grass and pray together. I was expecting a short prayer, but Zexi ended up praying for 3-4 minutes. He started by saying "Hi God and Jesus" which put a huge smile on my face. He then asked for forgiveness for things in the past and thanked God for teaching him about Jesus through the people that he had spent time with in the past few weeks. He accepted Christ and ended his prayer in a way that gave me goosebumps of joy. He said, "I am so excited to learn more about you Jesus." It is still amazing to me how quickly David understood the love and grace that Jesus gives freely.

Zexi is one of two Chinese students attending David's Bible study and one of three Chinese students whom I've heard have already said "yes" to Jesus this fall. Pray for Zexi as he has encourage other Chinese to consider Jesus.

Thank you for helping us reach out to the students of the world.

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Zexi holding an axe after his team competed in the log splitting competition at our men's overnight.

One of the highlights this fall was an evening outreach that our students arranged at Verona High School. Three gifted UW Athletes involved in our Athletes in Action ministry (Aaron Henry (Football), Kelsey Maloney (Volleyball), Trevor Branvold (Wrestling) joined two Verona High School Christian faculty to share how God has made a difference in their lives. It was fun to watch Josh, a UW student, who came to Christ through the Student Venture ministry in Minnesota, moderate the panel. The evening concluded with a Maison, a UW junior, sharing the gospel message and inviting people to respond. Seventeen of the students indicated a decision to trust Christ on a comment card with several more saying they were interested in the getting involved with the High School fellowship. Our team of UW students have been meeting with those in attendance to help them with the take the next steps.



We encourage our students to be plugged into local churches. Recently a handful of students were baptized through a local church. Three of them came to Christ through our ministry. All six shared how God used this ministry to change their lives. This weekend more will be baptized.



Thank you for praying for our October Fall Getaway. Once again we had heart-felt of worship, quality teaching, equipping seminars, plenty of fun, and only two emergency room visits. UW-Whitewater will have their retreat this weekend.



Julia and Brenna are doing well and loving kindergarten and preschool. They were so cute this Halloween dressing up as Laura Ingalls and Dorothy. You can imagine how much they look forward to having a baby brother this February.



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