

Taking Steps of Faith

As the bus pulled away from OU, I (Clay) was finally able to breathe a sigh of relief. Emily and I were in charge of promoting and planning the spring break trip to Panama City Beach (PCB). All in all, we ended up bringing roughly fifty students with us from OU and two hundred were in attendance as they sought an opportunity to worship, grow in faith, share their faith, and learn to love God more.

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There were a significant number of challenges that the students faced upon their arrival. Many had never shared



Some of our students sharing their faith on the beach.

their faith before and were scared to do so, especially with strangers. Others felt as though God could not use them to help change the lives of others. Some knew only one or two others before going. We even had a couple of students who were not Christians come on the trip in order to figure out what a relationship with God looks like. Lastly, because our spring break was so early this year, there were fewer people on the beaches than we usually see.

Nevertheless, God did some amazing things. Everyone was incredibly driven to share the gospel, even in the fear and hesitation. Students who had never shared their faith before saw people accept Christ. Students were incredibly bold as they approached people on the beach. Many of them got to know others better and left as good

friends.

In some cases, students even led themselves to Christ! Annamarie is a sophomore who did not have a relationship with Jesus when we went to PCB. Regardless, she decided to come on the trip and learn about God as we shared our faith with people. After a couple days of tagging along, she chose to step up and talk with a woman about what we were doing on the beach. She ended up going through a booklet that we use to share the gospel. At the end there is a prayer to accept Christ into your life. When they reached this point, she asked the woman if she desired to accept Christ into her life and have a personal relationship with God. The woman said yes, and at that moment Annamarie realized that she desired this personal relationship as well. She saw that God had been pursuing her and was ready to respond to God's call for her to follow him. They both prayed and not only did she help someone else know the Lord, but she knows the Lord now too!



Annamarie, a sophomore who trusted Jesus while sharing about him with another student on the beach.

Thank you for being a part of seeing these students grow and praying for them!

'Til the whole world knows Clay + Emily

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Prayer & Praise Requests for The Selways for April

Stick this card anywhere that will remind you to pray!

1. Pray for Annamarie, and several of the other students we personally have seen trust Christ this semester - Hunter, Andrea, Laura, Hannah and Michelle.

2. We are in the process of challenging students to lead in our movement next year. Praise God for how He has faithfully raised up new laborers, and pray for these students at they step into leadership roles.

3. Pray that the momentum we gained from Big Break would continue - students have come back to campus and eagerly shared their faith with their friends and classmates. We ask God that this would not be the end, but the beginning of their influence on this campus for Christ.

4. Pray for us - pray that the Lord would strengthen us, and that our hearts would not forget our first love. Pray that we would be filled with the joy of Jesus. (Eph 3:14-19, Rev 2:4, John 17)

We'd love to pray for you. Please share your prayer requests with us! 937-657-0694/emily.selway@cru.org