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"At Bible study this week, every guy said Greek Conference was the spiritual high point of the quarter," Hiram told me (Jordan) as we walked to a local coffee shop. **"And the three guys from Phi Kappa Tau want to start a Bible study in their fraternity house next quarter to reach their brothers for Christ!"**

Hiram is now a junior at Ohio University, and I met him his first day in Athens two and a half years ago as I helped him move into his dorm room. Hiram became a Christian in high school and has grown tremendously in his relationship with God in college. During our Spring Break outreach in Panama City Beach two years ago, he felt called to join a fraternity for the sake of ministry. Hiram wanted God to use him to reach one of the darkest areas of campus with the beautiful light of Jesus--the Greek system.

Hiram restarted a Greek men's ministry that had completely disappeared years before he arrived on campus as a freshman. He began as the only fraternity guy we knew of that loved Jesus. A year and a half after joining Phi Kappa Psi, Hiram has been elected president of his fraternity, and he's seen a number of his brothers place their faith in Christ. We now have seven men faithfully coming to our Greek Men's Bible study, and all of them traveled with us to Greek Conference at the end of February.

The conference was transformational for the 24 students who attended from Ohio University. Three hundred men and women in fraternities and sororities from all across the Great Lakes Region traveled to Indianapolis. The students worshipped God together and heard practical advice on how to share their faith in Christ with their brothers and sisters in their Greek houses. They were also encouraged to persevere in the midst of the trials and tribulations of being ambassadors for Jesus in the heart of the college party scene.

Greek conference sparked a fire in the hearts of Justin, Chad, and Alex, the three men from Phi Kappa Tau who plan on starting a Bible study in their fraternity house. Hiram's vision is for at least two faithful men from each of the 12 fraternities to start a Bible study in their own house. God is already beginning to fulfill that vision. With a Bible study now established in two fraternities, we pray God will continue to open the eyes of men and women in the Greek system and turn houses that were once meant for parties into houses of prayer and praise to the Lord.

Laboring for the God who opens the eyes of the blind,

Jordan + Niki



Hiram and Jordan pose for a photo during Greek Conference. It's been a blessing to see how God has used Hiram in his fraternity.



A group shot with Niki and some of the 24 OU students who joined us for Greek Conference.

Prayers

- o For the three men from Phi Kappa Tau as they start a Bible study in their fraternity next quarter
- o For our trip to Panama City Beach with 54 OU students for our Spring Break outreach March 17-24. Pray that God would reach people for Christ through our students

Praise

- o 24 students joined us at Greek Conference for a life-changing weekend
- o God has answered Hiram's prayers for the Greek System and one of the darkest areas on campus is being reached for Jesus

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