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"My Christmas wish was granted," Tyler told me over the phone on Christmas Day. "My brother and two of my friends are coming to IndyCC with me!"

I (Jordan) was elated. Tyler, the freshman student you read about in our October update who came to Christ at our Fall Retreat, has encouraged me in tremendous ways through the way God has been transforming his life. Tyler is hungry to grow in his faith, and he is a natural people gatherer. His younger brother, Shane, and two of his friends who attend the University of Akron, Ryan and Ty, decided to join over 2,000 college students at our winter conference, IndyCC, in Indianapolis.

Tyler had been praying for his friends since he became a Christian. As he spent time with them over the Christmas break, he knew they were searching for something to fill the void in their hearts that only God can satisfy.

"I knew they were looking for God. I could tell through our conversations that they wanted to experience a relationship with Him. They just weren't sure where to start," Tyler said of his friends. Thanks to Tyler's step of faith to invite his friends to join him at IndyCC, there are now two new members of God's family!

On the first night of the conference, Ryan and Ty placed their faith in Jesus after our main speaker, Mike Erre, described how God's promises never fail. Mike explained that God has promised us eternal life in Jesus if we place our faith in him and reassured us that no sins of our past are too big for God to wipe away.

Ryan and Ty soaked up information like sponges. They continued to ask thought-provoking questions in my time with them, and they shared their own hurts and struggles that once kept them from a relationship with Christ.

IndyCC was a powerful week for all of us. Our theme, "God is greater than" reminded us of God's ability to forgive our past, no matter how dark it may be. We were encouraged to pray audacious prayers, asking the Lord to take control of our future and use us in mighty ways.

We were blessed to see God use IndyCC to radically change lives, bring people into a relationship with Christ, and encourage us to believe that God is always greater.

Praising the God who is greater than all things,

Jordan + Niki



I stand with Tyler, his brother Shane, and his friends Ty and Ryan as we prepare to pray and worship in the New Year.



Laura and Michael from Marietta College joined us inside our host church after our day of community outreach in Indianapolis.

Prayers

- o Ryan and Tyler will be able to connect with a community of Christians at the University of Akron to grow in their faith
- o Students remember the intimacy they experienced with God at IndyCC and continue to seek Him as they return to their campuses to reach their peers for Christ

Praise

- o Over 2,000 students from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois joined us at IndyCC
- o During our day of community outreach, over 140 people placed their faith in Christ

Check out the back to see what students were saying about IndyCC on Facebook! →

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Photos at IndyCC

**Erin Craig**

So many status about Indy CC.. I need to share my excitement as well!!!!
Indycc here I come!! Woohoo :D

**Dallas Bates**

IndyCC was an amazing experience to reconnect with God and meet new people that share my same values. I can't wait for next year at IndyCC!!

**Stephen Griffith**

Indy was amazing!!

**Josh Frash**

God's blessings were abundant this past year. More than I could have imagined. Glory to Him in the highest. For my God is greater than my life!
Rockin time at IndyCC for the second year running!

**Emily Mueller**

Enjoying myself IndyCC. Learning and growing!

**IndyCC****Chelsey Micheale Imboden**

such an amazing time at indycc, loved spending so much time with my family. :)

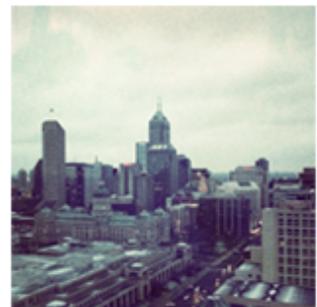
**Angela Yacovazzi**

At IndyCC. This is the coolest thing ever!!!! ♥

**Kyle Deeter**

RT if your new year's resolution is to love Jesus with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might #indycc

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