

# CAROLINA CONNECTION

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## New York, New York!

You may remember in last month's letter that we were about to head to New York City for Spring Break. We were excited to accompany 14 students from UNC to spend spring break investing in the lives of students in NY universities. Along with 100 other students from the NC area, we traveled to the Big Apple to help the staff team there get ministries started on campuses that they have yet to set foot on. For three full days we were able to interact with the students there through surveys such as Soularium.

Our UNC group was sent to two universities in the Bronx. These two colleges have a high Latin American demographic, and during our time on campus we were able to gauge interest in beginning Destino (CCC's Latin American ministry). Although students there were different in many ways than the UNC students (most students there, for example, ride an hour on the subway to class each day!) we saw quickly that we do still have many of the same longings in life. Please continue to pray for the ministry there. With over 1 million college students in the NYC area and only 15 staff, the task is daunting. But what an opportunity to reach people from countries all over the world in a city in our own country! Here are a few more highlights:

### Josh's Highlights:

- Attending worship service at Redeemer Presbyterian
- Eating NY Style pizza with meatballs!
- Walking the Brooklyn Bridge

### Erin's Highlights

- Eating lots of good desserts: cheesecake and cupcakes
- Shopping at H&M on 5th Ave

## PRAYERS and PRAISES:

-Pray for our annual Men's and Women's Retreats (April 9-11). Pray that issues will be brought into the light, community will develop, and, most importantly, students would connect with the Lord.

-Pray for our Sweden briefing time with the students, April 16-18, that we would begin to bond as a team and that students would be equipped for the summer.

-Pray for the 75 Bible Study Leaders who are applying to lead small groups next year. Pray for wisdom as we begin the process of deciding leadership for the 2010-11 school year.

-We are in the process for raising \$8K for our summer trip to Sweden. Pray for provision and encouragement in that process. (And pray for the 40 students going to Sweden as they raise support too!)



## Kvetching Christianity

An event this week allowed students to share their opinions about why they don't want to believe Christianity. For 2 days, a poster board was on campus that allowed anyone to write whatever they wanted. Exclusivity, Hell, Oppression and the Reliability of the Scriptures were just a few of the complaints written on the board. 400-plus students came out to an event to hear a local pastor, J.D. Greear, share his story and respond to challenges and rebukes of Christianity. He challenged students to focus on the person of Christ and answer the question, "Is Jesus who he said he was?" For 1 hour he answered questions. It was a great event. Pray for fruit in the hearts of those who were in attendance.