

CAROLINA CONNECTION

APRIL 2010



End of Year Festivities

The end of the year is always bittersweet. We are excited for what God has next for the senior class, but also sad to see them go. At our last weekly meeting in April we had a chance to celebrate seniors. We had all the seniors (about 50 this year) come to the front and prayed for them. It was neat to think back to how radically different many of them are leaving college from when they first arrived. It's always a reminder of the transformation God does during college!

April is also the time of year where we challenge new leaders for the fall. Next year we have 90 leaders coming alongside of us to serve the campus! At our final leadership meeting of the semester, we had former leaders share about what they had learned this year. One student in particular, Zach, shared about a guy who recently began attending Bible study. Although he wasn't quite at the point of believing Christianity was true, he was interested enough to begin seeking and asking questions and came to Zach's Bible study. It was such an encouragement to hear stories of what God did through Bible studies throughout campus this year.

As a staff team we also spent some time reflecting on what we saw God do this year. Here are a few of the MANY things we are thankful for God for:

- 55 students are going on project this summer (both in the US and overseas)
- 400 students at our weekly meetings each week
- 700 students involved in Bible studies
- a thriving Greek ministry in fraternities and sororities
- many students involved who are understanding the Gospel more fully
- 16 students trusted Christ through our outreach promoting the everytarheel.com evangelistic website
- about 50 seniors being sent from UNC to various callings God's given them (some of the seniors are pictured above, left, at a senior cookout we had)

Men's / Women's Retreats

We had our annual Men's and Women's retreats the second weekend of April. The guys headed to Kinston, NC, for a weekend of playing basketball, hanging out on a farm and hearing the senior guys share what God has taught them during college. They had a great time with the 35 guys that came.

Meanwhile the girls headed down to Wrightsville Beach, NC. We had 85 girls there this year! The weekend is totally planned by the staff and seniors as a way to serve the underclassmen. The theme this year was "Unveiled." We talked about how Christ has been unveiled to us and how we can live unveiled in our relationships with each other. The weekend was so refreshing and gave girls the chance to connect with others from UNC they may not know. One girl I talked to said it was the first time in a long time she felt totally freed up to be herself. What an answer to prayer that God created that type of environment!

PRAYERS and PRAISES:

Praise God that all 23 students going to Sweden raised their support. And for the \$5600 that came in for our personal support for Sweden.

Pray for the 50 UNC seniors who have been sent to be change agents in the culture around them as they follow God's call in their life.

Pray for the 55 students going on a summer project from UNC - Sweden, Senegal, East Asia and locations throughout the US.

More Prayer Requests on back!

New Blog: We have made a blog to document our life and ministry starting with Sweden. Check it out:

joshanderinsmith.blogspot.com

Sweden Prayer Requests

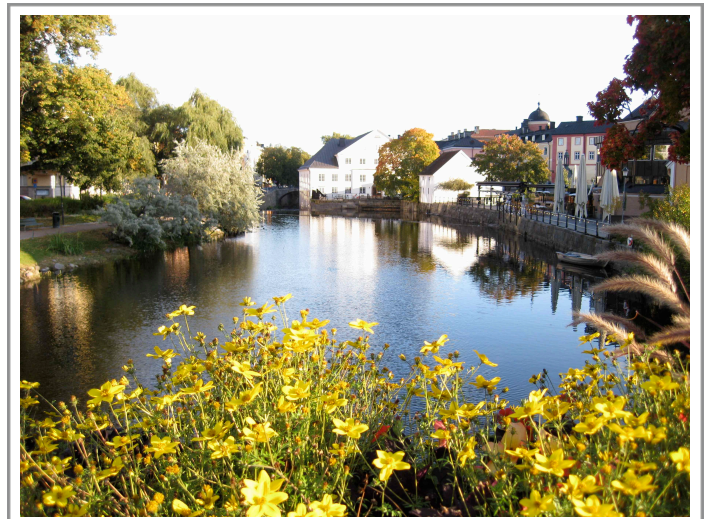
WEEK 1: Pray for cultural adjustment to Sweden. Team bonding – good, healthy relationships, that we would grow in truth and grace as we live in close quarters. Energy to initiate and engage. Pray for these 4 goals to be accomplished: Love the Lord, Love the team, Learn the Culture, Launch a movement

WEEK 2: Team unity. Opportunities to share the gospel. Boldness to share the gospel in a new environment. That the greatness of Christ and the beauty of the gospel would compel our hearts to communicate this great love.



WEEK 3: Pray that follow-up appointments with Swedes would continue to grow fruit and connect them to the ministry. Pray against the Enemy and his schemes to steal and destroy the fruit God would grow.

WEEK 4: Perspective to trust God is working even if we can't see tangible things happening. That the gospel would bear fruit in our lives and we would see our love for Christ continue to grow.



WEEK 5: Final conversations would build bridges to the long-term staff in Sweden. That we would finish well and take advantage of our final opportunities on campus. Continue to pray for our team dynamics and relationships.

WEEK 6: Debriefing – that experiences and lessons learned in Sweden would transfer back to our lives at home and on campus. Pray for a good, refreshing time in Munich, Germany, as our team spends 2 full days on a retreat together. Safe Travel Home.