OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009

## **COAST 2 COAST**

WITH CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

I cannot believe it is already mid-November! I've been meaning to write all of you for over a month. So many exciting things have been happening in Boston! Here is a snap shot of some highlights and upcoming events:

## Fall Getaway

The first weekend of October was our Boston CityWide Fall Getaway. There were 198 students, 40 more than last year. We made the road trip up to NH for a weekend of worship and praise, great messages, hot chocolate by the fire, hanging out with friends, meeting new people, and having fun! The focus of the retreat was The Abundant Life we have in Christ. After each message we split into small groups to dive deeper into the topic. My group was 5 girls from various schools in the city. Katie, a Junior at Harvard, just became a Christian over the summer. She said, "At Fall Retreat I've felt really reassured that this is where I am supposed to be and the way I really want to live my life. People have been so welcoming and I don't feel judged. I have enjoyed the worship, community, and have been challenged." Please pray for Katie as she continues to grow in her faith!

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10



With the UMass Boston students! Clockwise from the top left: Mike, Reeis, Paul, Ashley, CC, and myself. We all had a great time together!



With Laura, a Sophomore at MIT that I disciple. It was nice being together outside of our usual coffee dates on Mondays.

## **Praise and Prayer**

\*Praise for the 20 students involved in Real Life at UMass--14 more than last year!

\*Praise for the SIXTEEN STUDENTS who have trusted their lives to CHRIST in Boston this semester!!

\*Pray for the bible study I just started at Umass.

## **CAMP-of-the-WOODS**

In ten days, the Northeast staff families will be packing up their mini vans and heading to Speculator, NY, for our Staff Conference! Every November we gather at Camp-of-the-Woods for our "family reunion". The kids are excited to see their friends and the staff enjoy catching up with one another. It is a refreshing 4 days to praise God for everything that has been happening throughout the region and hear where we are going. With 185 staff and 99 children, there is a lot of planning involved to pull this off. I am in charge of our Staff Conference and it has been a lot of work, to say the least. I am excited, but feeling slightly overwhelmed. Last year I was on a team of 3; this year it's just me! I know I am putting too much pressure on myself for things to be perfect, but I am still worried that something is going to go wrong or I will have forgotten a big piece of the conference. Please pray for me over the next week as I finish all of the gritty details, and during the conference, Nov. 21-24th. I'll let you know how everything goes! Happy Thanksgiving!

Lots of Love, Courtney