

BOSTON OPS SUMMER PROJECT

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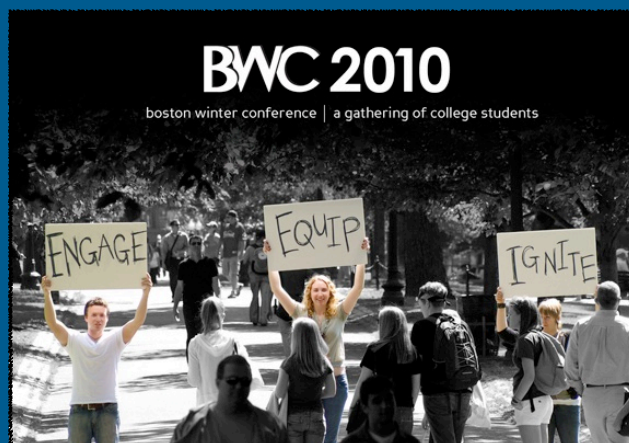
Two months have flown by, and we are at the end of July and our summer in Boston. The rain fell but the sun appeared. We evangelized and grew in our faith, we were challenged but overcame. We laughed and spoke in accents, lost Katie on the NYC subway, grew in our relationships with the Lord and one another, found Katie and enjoyed Boston Cream pie. This newsletter is a compilation of what we have learned from our trip in Boston and how it has impacted our lives and helped us to have a better understanding of what it means to wholly live for Christ. Your support has meant so much to us! Thank you!

Getting to Know the City of Boston by Christina Hayes

I've spent my entire life living all over the west coast, so it was no surprise when my friend Colleen laughed at me after I told her my aspirations for going to the east coast. She expected that I might survive in Boston, perhaps like it, "but you're just not Boston," she said. How different could Boston be from the west, I mean, we are all Americans, right? WRONG. Let's just say going to Boston was like stepping into a department store where they only sell clothes that come in dark colors. Everyone is dressed for success, because that is what they desire the most. Of course everyone desires success in a professional sense, but for a majority of people here in Boston, it is their drive. The city is home to both Harvard and MIT, I didn't experience culture shock, but I will say that Boston has a much more reserved atmosphere than I am used to. People walk with determination in their steps as if each time their shiny



black loafers hit the pavement they are one step closer to achievement. Because of the career achievement driven environment, Boston lacks one important quality -community. This is why the Boston Winter Conference is such a crucial ministry here for Campus Crusade. The conference is a medium that not only equips Christian college students with tools to minister at their respective campus, but fosters unity and fellowship amongst believers. This act of engaging fellow Christian college students is helping them not only build relationships with each other, but with those they minister to at their campus. Therefore, the Boston Winter Conference is a place where Christian college students can build and grow with each other that they may impact their campus for the cause of Christ.



The pictures and images in this letter are group photos of our team and a few of the projects we worked on during our time in Boston.

The Office Environment

by Elizabeth Hudson

Just like millions of Americans in those tiresome hours of nine to five. Up a few stops on the subway, down a few blocks to the office building. Our schedule didn't differ much from the rest of the world's, but our experiences were distinctive. It was in that office where we - seven interns from across the nation - spent our summer working towards a project that will ultimately culminate in hundreds of college students affirming their lives in Christ.

We were assigned to develop the 2010 Boston Winter Conference, five days and four nights packed with speakers, worship, prayer, evangelism, and fellowship. Thinking back to all the life-changing times I'd spent at the Radiate Winter Conference in Washington, D.C., I was all for the project. But the goal seemed daunting. The Northeast region's mission is to double the conference attendance, an increase of almost two hundred and fifty college students from the the previous year. Quite the challenge.

That was all we needed. We crammed our weeks with creating promotional videos and advertisements, revamping websites, developing podcasts, and writing brochures and flyers. Everything accomplished in light of January's upcoming conference, and everything improved in hope that more college students will attend. The summer had its share of challenges, but knowing that the work we did while swiveling in our office chairs contributed towards God's kingdom, there have been no complaints.

The UMass Boston Outreach

by Katie McIntyre

One of the main emphases of Summer Project is evangelism. We learned how to integrate everyday life in an office setting with a passion for sharing the Gospel. For one of our outreaches we



went to the University of Massachusetts. We set out to go through a survey that examines people's world views with the goal of sparking gospel conversations. It feels odd to start talking about spiritual things with someone you don't really know at all. It reminds me of the sower Jesus talked about in Matthew, who dropped seed on the ground, regardless of where it might fall. Sometimes it fell on soft soil, where it would sprout up, and sometimes on hard soil. The sower just has to remain faithful.

At first my fellow intern, Emily, and I had a hard time finding someone to talk to. UMass, Boston is a commuter campus, which means that students are not usually around unless they are waiting for a class. Finally we found a girl who was willing to be candid. As we got talking, we discovered that she had done a lot of thinking about life after death. She told us that she used to go to church but hadn't found a good one around Boston. We invited her to come with us to our church and she said yes! At this point she was not

ready to accept Christ yet. I know God will continue to pursue her. We were encouraged and glad to have been faithful - casting seed no matter what kind of ground it fell on.

In Closing

We all have been changed by our time in Boston and can say that this is the place that God wanted us to be for the summer of 2009. Who knows what God has in store for us in the future, but we do know that we will continually be praying for and supporting the city of Boston and its ministries. God is working and drawing people near to Him here in this modern day Athens. Romans 14:11 says, "It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" As our brothers and sisters in Christ, you have encouraged us by your support, prayers, and love. Thank you for joining us in this part of our journey with the Lord.

May God bless you immeasurably more than you can imagine!