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Fall Kickoff

God is moving on campuses around the Northeast! Here are some highlights:



Salem State students talk with their peers

- Joe and Jen (Staff) will be leading a chapel service for the **UAlbany** Women's Basketball team before each home game.
- 86 students from 23 colleges in **New York City** are attending their annual Fall Retreat.
- 1,000 students in schools around the **Capital Region of NY** completed short surveys. 400 of those indicated 'Yes' they would like to talk about finding purpose in life and a personal relationship with God.
- The entire student-led ministry at **Salem State University** engaged their peers at the school's fall "Club and Group Fair". They are newly committed to Crusade and are excited to talk about Jesus with others!
- Cristina (Staff) is leading a new bible study for Latina students at **Boston University**. 11 students came last week. None, when asked, said they were 100% sure they would be with God when they die.
- 50% of the 250 students surveyed at **Brown University**, said they want to know more about having a personal relationship with God.

This is the time when we are busiest making new connections with students, especially Freshmen, and sharing the good news that with Jesus we are cared for and never alone. Thank you for investing your prayers and finances in God's work here!

God Provides

As of August 1, it was looking more and more like I would be filling the role of Conferences & Events Coordinator for our region in addition to my other responsibilities. Cristina, our C&E new staff person, had been raising support for 2 years and was at 65% - unlikely to report for the fall. That would be a huge adjustment for Kerri and me, as I would be required to attend and work *all* of the 9+ conferences we produce for the Northeast. There would also be a learning curve and longer hours as I got up to speed with this new role. So even as I braced myself, I continued to pray for our new staff raising support...and God provided!

Cristina continued to faithfully call and set up support appointments with people as July bled into August, just as she had for the past 2+ years. On one of those appointments, she arrived at a coffee shop to speak with a woman she had only met once before, a couple of months prior. The woman was there with her husband and children, and they were all very excited as Cristina sat down. Before she could even discuss any of the details of our ministry, one of the kids handed her an envelope and insisted she open it. This family of modest means had been saving money for a long time with the intention of giving it away. Cristina opened the envelope to discover a check, already filled out, for \$30,000! She was dumbstruck. After over two years, she was ready to report to her assignment on our Ops Team and on campus with the Boston Metro Team.



Christina Sandoval,
NE Conferences and Events

Even now, Cristina is amazed at her sudden change in status from full-time raising support to reporting for duty. It is such a joy to get to know her and serve her as she fills the role of Conferences and Events Coordinator! I am still praising God for His provision (as is Kerri!), and am so thankful for how the One we serve cares for us.

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