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Jonathan, Kerri, and Zoe

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Two new Christians in NYC!

Lizzie: "My experience at Hunter College was amazing! I initiated a conversation with Joleen, a pre-med student from Jamaica who didn't quite understand Christianity. Through Soularium, an evangelistic tool that effectively uses photographs to spark spiritual conversations, Joleen told my friend and I she wanted to believe in Jesus but wasn't sure how. We shared our own personal experiences with Joleen, and talked about the assurance of faith she has in Christ. Soularium easily transitioned into the four spiritual laws, and Joleen prayed to receive Christ! At that moment I think I finally understood

the importance of intentional evangelism."

Dani: "I went with Megan to Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, which has a small beach right outside of the cafeteria. We did Soularium with two of the lifeguards on duty and talked to them for a little bit. They weren't extremely interested in talking about Christ or the Gospel, but they encouraged their friend Chris to take the Soularium survey when he walked up. Megan started talking to him about God, church, religion, and Jesus, and they ended up moving a little farther away while I continued talking to the lifeguards. As we were walking away an hour later, Megan told me that Chris prayed to receive Christ. It was exciting for me to see how God used a conversation with the lifeguards to begin an important conversation with Chris that will hopefully change his life."

We set out for 3 days in New York City on June 30th, with the twin goals of 1) giving some Operational lift to the New York Metro team, and 2) giving our students some exposure and vision for ministry in 'The City'. I'm excited to report that both of those happened! Thank you for participating with us through your prayers and finances; **please pray for the students' work, relationships, and outreaches during the last couple weeks of project.**

Off To Staff Conference - and "to see my good friend Grandma Geegee" by Jonathan



I remember flying, alone, from Texas to Ohio when I was about 7. I was visiting my grandparents, a yearly 2-week trip that would continue until I was 17. This week I'm taking Zoe to Texas to stay with her grandparents, while I attend our Staff Conference in Fort Collins, CO. We leave on July 18th, and fly home on July 30th. I'm a nervous father, but so excited for Zoe as she begins what I hope will be a similar annual ritual. Of course, she is excited as well, as you can surmise from the title!

There's more of a work element for me at Staff Conference than ever, as I'll be introducing our Northeast staff to promotional materials that the students and I have been working on related to the Boston Winter Conference. I'm anxious to see what people think! I'll be posting some of our work on our blog as well over the coming weeks.

Please pray for Zoe's time with her grandparents, for a fruitful and refreshing Staff Conference, and for Kerri's couple of weeks "off" in Boston while we're gone. Thanks!



Kerri is due to give birth to our second baby girl on August 22nd. We are all very excited - especially Zoe, who has named "her baby" Soft, and has promised to hold her and feed her and help her go to the potty. **Please pray for Kerri's comfort, a safe delivery, and a healthy baby. Thank you!**



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