Turning Lost students into Christ-centered Laborers



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Dear friends and supporters,

Much of the success we see in our ministry is the result of helping our students be positioned and ready for God to use them. At our Christmas party, Roberta told me a great story about when she talked to her roommate about Jesus. Recently I asked if she'd be willing to share it at our first leadership meeting and let me tell it to you. She responded with the following e-mail:

Hi Scott!

I can definitely share the story at the first movement meeting, and you are more than welcome to share the story with your friends and supporters of Campus Crusade:

Last winter I wrestled with where God wanted me to live for my sophomore year of college. I had two options: I could live with a Christian friend in an apartment or I could go back into the dorms with a random roommate. As I sought God's will, I ultimately decided to take a step of faith and go back into the dorms.

Over the summer, I prayed that God would bless my friendship with my roommate and give me an opportunity to share the Gospel, if it be His will. Expectant for what God had in store, I moved into the dorms late August only to be met by a very interesting situation: My roommate never showed up on move-in day, and after a week and a half housing had yet to hear from her, leaving me deeply confused: I felt God had called me back into the dorms to live with a random roommate, and yet there was a possibility I might not have a roommate at all! It was a very trying time, and yet through it all, God taught me a very important lesson: I can trust in His will even when it does not make immediate sense, because God is sovereign and His will and timing are perfect.

God did will that I have a roommate and MJ eventually arrived (she had missed her flight from South Korea and had to reschedule her flight). We immediately connected and I saw my first prayer answered (namely that God would bless our friendship). Within the first few weeks, I also saw God provide an opportunity to have a spiritual conversation with her. Specifically, I shared my testimony and discovered that she felt empty. She also confided that although she was an atheist she wanted to have faith in something.

Mid-way through the semester MJ got swine flu. As a result, she missed two weeks of school, leaving her quite behind in her classes. One class in particular could not be made up at all, and MJ subsequently went to the dean to drop this class, only to be told it was too late to drop just one. Instead she would have to withdraw entirely; not a U.S. citizen, this meant she would have to return immediately to South Korea and re-apply to the UW-Madison. When I heard this news, I realized MJ may have to leave before I could share the Gospel with her. I prayed that if God had more for our relationship He would keep her at the UW-Madison. He heard my prayer, and the university made an exception for MJ to drop just the one class! MJ was, therefore, able to remain at the UW-Madison, and I soon discovered God truly did have more in store for our relationship.



Roberta

Two weeks before the end of the semester, MJ and I were sitting in our room. It was 2 in the morning and I was typing on my computer. As I was working, I become horribly burdened by MJ's emptiness. Even more, I felt convicted by the Spirit to talk with her. I was overwhelmed by a deep sense of urgency,

and yet I came up with every reason why I should not talk with her. After all, it was late and I wanted to go to bed. And too, she was sitting on her computer watching television and I did not want to disturb her. I got ready for bed and came back to the room to journal. As I journaled, I felt even more compelled to talk with her, however, and God gave me a burst of courage to timidly stammer: "MJ, do you believe in God?" As I expected, MJ responded with a resolute no, to which I expressed understanding, as I too had questioned the existence of God. I proceeded to share my testimony and explained how it deeply burdens me to see people attempt to fill emptiness with emptiness.

I explained how Jesus fills my heart completely and has changed my life-so much so that I came back to the dorms so I could share Him with others. MJ and I kept talking and the conversation naturally transitioned into the Gospel. I used a "Knowing God Personally" booklet, and when we got to the prayer to accept Christ the conversation drifted...

We continued talking and several minutes later MJ rather abruptly asked: "Wait, so I don't have to do anything?" "No MJ," I responded, "You don't have to do anything. It's a gift!" "Well how do I get that?" MJ asked. "Well," I said, "We pray."

I sat down next to her and asked, "So, MJ, you want to accept Jesus?" She said yes, and I proceeded to pray. After I finished praying she was quite silent. Eventually she spoke up and explained how she had felt something in her heart when I prayed (all semester I had been praying ardently that God would give MJ a real experience of Himself if she ever turned to Him!). I explained that she had experienced the Holy Spirit, and as we continued to talk, I saw God's sovereignty further displayed. "You know," MJ said, "It is weird that you asked me about this tonight" "Why MJ?" "Well," MJ responded, "I was actually having all these thoughts about God and wondering how people believe in God." "You mean you weren't actually sitting in your bed watching television" I asked. "No..." "Are those thoughts normal for you MJ?" I asked. "No..." "As would be expected, we were both left in deep awe of God, who had clearly orchestrated our entire conversation.

I feel incredibly blessed that God allowed me to partake in His incredible plan to redeem the world, and I rejoice that He uses redeemed sinners to call other sinners to Himselfl I rejoice, moreover, that people both support and serve in campus ministries such as Campus Crusade for Christ. I can wholeheartedly say that God has used Campus Crusade in very powerful ways in my life. In fact, without Campus Crusade, I do not believe I would have moved back into the dorms as a sophomore, known how to share my faith with a non-believer, or captured the depth of God's heart for the lost. God truly uses this ministry to win new believers to the Kingdom, build them to spiritual maturity, and send them to the world!

God bless, Roberta

Please know that our staff team joins Roberta in rejoicing that people like you have chosen to support this campus ministry. We wouldn't have the same impact without you.

Scott Roe

Twin Cities Experience 2009

This winter we sent 145 students from our movements to our annual "TCX" conference which had 1,578 students from 150 campuses. God seems to always use this conference in incredible ways.



One afternoon is set a side as a day of outreach. Partnering with many inner-city churches, we gave away tons of "boxes of love" to local families while also trying to start spiritual conversations with people with the hopes of sharing the gospel and connecting people to local churches.

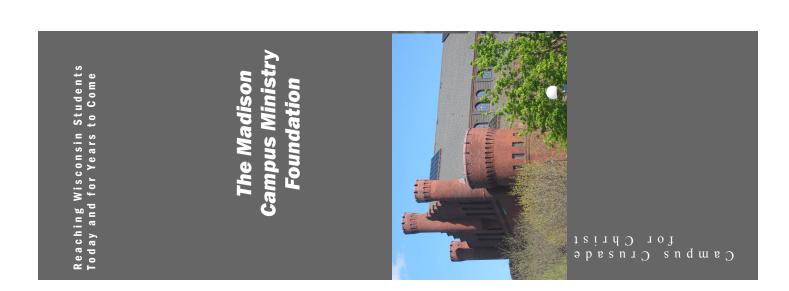


Students were taught how to walk with Jesus and challenged to live for Christ however and wherever God would call them.



On the last night, one of our senior men stood before the Madison area students and talked about his commitment to going overseas to the Middle East beginning in 2011. He exhorted all the freshmen to seniors in the room, acknowledged the Great Commission-focused sending heritage they are a part by saying, "We're Badgers; we go!" This brought tears to the eyes of several who have toiled to produce laborers

for the Harvest.





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