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In ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ



Ministry Updates:

Good Friday:

Our weekly meeting on Good Friday went very well, many new students attended. Sharing about Jesus' death was obviously an emotional talk and a few students told me they cried during it. Afterward, my co-worker Nate had a 30 min. conversation with a student, Tom, who was there for his first time. Tom is interested in Christianity but hesitant to make such a serious commitment.

Unfortunately, no one at the meeting prayed to receive Christ, which I have to admit is very frustrating. On one hand it is not my job (responsibility) to save people because only God can save souls, but on the other hand it IS my job. It's easy to feel like I'm not fulfilling my duties. But we believe that many seeds were planted that night and pray we'll have the opportunity to follow up with them.

Working Together:

There is a very strong sense of unity among the Christian groups at RIT. Chapters from CCC, InterVarsity (IV), Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM), BASIC, and a Gospel Ensemble meet on campus. One night per quarter the groups host a night of worship called "Big House".

At the start of spring quarter the Christian groups also co-hosted a social event with RITGA (the RIT Gay Alliance). Earlier this year RITGA asked us to host a debate with them. After much discussion we felt these events would only point out our differences, something most people already know about. Instead we decided to do something where we could get to know the individuals and show Christ's love to the GLBT community. The social event included gaming systems on projectors, board games, music, good conversations and a wealth of food

provided by the RIT student government. The night was a huge success, and we pray that we will continue to build positive personal relationships with these students so they will hear the Gospel out of love.

Outreach:

For Easter, one of the students I disciple, Shellae, invited all of her friends to church. Ten non-Christians joined us for the service and six prayed to receive Christ that day. None of them attend our weekly meetings or have come to church consistently since, but Shellae is trying to start a Bible study with them to help them grow in their new faith. Many of them have had trouble committing time because final project deadlines are approaching fast. Please pray Shellae will have a chance to follow up with all of them and encourage them before they leave for the summer.

My Future:

After many long conversations with friends and family I have decided to intern again next year with Campus Crusade for Christ in Rochester. This was a hard decision because I often miss working in journalism but this year I have been blessed to see so much growth in the RIT CCC ministry and in my own personal spirituality. I really enjoy the girls I disciple and would like to stay here to continue to grow along side of them. In addition, the movement at RIT has transformed from a social club to a group of Christians who believe in being honest about their struggles and triumphs, and focus on evangelistic outreach to the campus.

Interning is a one-year commitment from Aug 1 to July 31. Interning for a second year includes the responsibility of raising my financial support to cover next year's salary. I believe this is what God wants me to do. I hope that as I have enjoyed interning, you have enjoyed taking part in the ministry, and that God has blessed your financial sacrifices. Over the summer I will contact you about partnering with me financially for the upcoming school year. As always, this ministry would not exist without your support, and I cannot thank you enough for how much you have given this past year.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Tom, the student my co-worker Nate talked to on Good Friday. Pray God continues to share the Gospel with him.
- Pray for our last big event of the school year: CCC is hosting a tie-dye table at RIT's Spring Festival May 9th
- Pray for endurance: RIT students have finals through May 22
- Praise for an amazing first year of interning!

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