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*Building spiritual movements in the Twin Cities and the Upper Midwest,
so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus*



Prayer Requests

- Student leader selection for next year is underway. Pray the right people step forward and apply.
- Pray for energy and wisdom for Bethany and her team as they finish the year. This is her first year leading the team and she's feeling the crunch of all they have left to do: Plan and run a staff conference 4/24-4/26, evaluate and decide on the first placements for 8 new staff, and running end of the year planning meetings.
- Nathaniel's team is also nearing the end of the semester. Please pray his back would continue to heal so he can be at all end of semester activities. He is also leading Trek, a 5 day student leadership conference 5/15-5/20. We are really praying he can attend in person and see the fruit of his work at that event.

"It was amazing to have these conversations! Watching God soften their hearts, and experiencing the overflow of God's love, is something that really goes unmatched!" This comes from a report from Tyler, one of Nathaniel's students, after attending our annual Spring Break mission trip to Florida. The team spent 2 days sharing the gospel on the beach and another day sharing their faith at the University of South Florida, partnering with the team there. Here's a taste of Tyler's trip:



Students from the U of M and St. Kate's on our Spring Break Mission

"We approached a young man named David on the beach. He said he didn't grow up as a Christian and has never read the Bible but prays every now and then. As we were sharing the gospel with him, he told us how he is ashamed of the life he lives and I felt the Spirit compel me to tell him the parable of the prodigal son and how the Father's love frees us from shame through Jesus. We asked if we could pray for him, and he asked us to pray with him to recommit to his faith. As we were getting up to leave, he excitedly asked us if he could keep the gospel booklet we use while sharing, because he wanted to continue reading it and learning from it.

While walking across the University of South Florida campus, we met a girl named Kaelyn. She said she was a Christian, but had not made faith a priority at all since coming to college. We learned that, though she had a high regard for God the Father, she knew very little about Jesus. We got to share the gospel with her, explaining how the resurrection is not only Him triumphing over death, but also an invitation for us to accept this victory through having a relationship with Him. It was so clear to see the joy entering her heart from this conversation. She grew eager to seek out Christian community to center her life on Jesus. We were able to connect her with the local CRU movement and she was so excited to learn more. At the end of the conversation she said, "Hopefully, I too could go out and share my faith someday soon!"

It was so exhilarating to witness the Holy Spirit working through me in David and Kaelyn's hearts. It's clear that God has been working and will keep working in their hearts. I am so grateful to have gone on this spring break where God could use me in a small step in his great plan!"

On a Personal Note

Our March continued to be colored by Nathaniel's back pain. Thankfully it's a bit better now, but there were two weeks he really couldn't do anything but lie down which meant he missed the student Spring Break trip and our planned family trip over the kid's spring break (the kids and Bethany carried on and still went to Arizona). He's on partial medical leave until the bulging disc goes back in which the doctors say it does 80% of the time through Physical Therapy. He was also able to get a steroid injection to help with the pain.

