

# the BROUGHTON BULLETIN

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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*

- Pray for Bethany as she is in the height of the preparation season for Summer Intern Coaching which begins after their training conference on 4/19. She still needs several more coaches to have full coverage for all the new missionaries the Lord has led to apply and she has a lot of training material to update. With all of our sickness and days off school, it has been hard to have enough time to get it all done.
- Our 2013 minivan has died in the middle of driving down the highway four times. No mechanic can find any source of the problem (we've tried four). Would you pray for wisdom and provision? The van feels completely unreliable & dangerous, but it would be unethical to sell it to someone in this state. We only got it three years ago so have not fully replenished our car savings

U of M Spring Break 2024:  
5 Vans. 30 Students. 56 Travel Hours  
224 Spiritual Conversation.  
114 Gospel presentations.  
Countless Eternal Moments.



With over 600 conversations initiated, only God knows how far the ripple effects of our students' and staff faith will travel. But in human terms, the entire week was a success. Weather, community, safe travel, and open hearts are all evidence of your prayers. Thank you for joining your faith to that of our students!

Nathaniel had one particular conversation that shows the Holy Spirit's willingness to show up on the beaches outside Tampa Florida:

We approached Victor and Diana while they were sunbathing. Instead of being annoyed by our interruption, these young college students perked up when we asked them to share their thoughts and experiences on life and faith. They came from a religiously hypocritical background where faith was enforced, but the fruit of genuine Christ-like love was foreign. In spite of that upbringing, both were curious about the things of God, but worried that if they became "religious," they'd turn into their parents.

After answering all our questions, we asked if they'd be interested to hear how we find our faith has produced something far different than what they'd experienced. With great curiosity, they listened. You could see the veil of blindness being partially lifted as we explained who Jesus is and what a relationship with Him truly looks like. My sharing buddy, Minna, shared how her relationship with Jesus is a comfort, but also as a source of liberating her to love those around her rather than perform for or control others. In the end, though they were inspired to see God, Jesus, church and the Bible differently, they expressed some hesitancy to follow Jesus from some residual doubt from their upbringing. I'm pretty confident the next time someone offers them a chance to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit will have led them to be ready to make that decision. You could see He was truly working!

## *On a Personal Note*

In the continuing saga of the "winter of sickness," we are happy to report that we have enjoyed several weeks of no one being sick and Bethany and the kids had a doctor visit free week while Nathaniel was gone with students on Spring Break!

Nathaniel has a new cold that is yet to spread to anyone else, so please pray that trend continues! In other news, Juliet recently got asked to try out for the competitive gymnastics team at her gym. We were hesitant as it will add 3 more hours per week to her gymnastics time and increase the cost but she, unlike her brother, doesn't have a lot of other interests; this is her main thing. She made the team and we are giving it a try! We continue to be amazed at her strength and fortitude.

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