

# Miracles of Ministry: New Relationships

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*Dear Friends,*

## Spotlight on Students



When last we corresponded I had only just begun to see God's hand at work as a new Intern with Crusade. So much has happened since then that I cannot fit in this letter, but which only proves God's faithfulness and the fact that His Spirit is indeed moving in the hearts of college students. God seems to be teaching me that whatever I can or cannot do, He is greater still and perfectly powerful. It began at a

lunch table at the most inconvenient time.

I had attempted to schedule a lunch meeting for the day, and after several unsuccessful phone calls, decided to eat alone at one of the dining areas at IUP with the thought that God would bring the right appointment if only I was available. As I sat and ate, checking my email and planning my week, Nick, a guy I hadn't seen for about a year, sat next to me. I

was marginally familiar with him, but happy for the company.

An IUP student grabs a cup of hot chocolate between his classes.

As we talked he opened up about how distant he felt from God due to serious sin issues over the summer. As he

shared more about lacking close relationships with godly men he broke down in tears. I was able to come alongside him, being one of those men he needed, and help him come to terms with his sin. I have continued to meet with Nick, and it has been so encouraging to see the change in his life as he has intentionally pursued other healthy male friendships. I learned from this that sometimes the one thing God wants from me is not necessarily some great strength, but simply for me to be available.



Some IUP Leaders at our Fall Retreat

## An Exciting New Ministry

In a similar fashion God opened the door for ministry on a closed campus in Erie, PA. Campus Crusade has been specifically ousted from this campus for no other reason than a Protestant belief. At a night church service in Erie that I had not planned on attending, I met someone in contact with a freshman, Aaron, leading a Bible Study on this campus. Upon fol-

lowing up with Aaron he said, "I looked around campus, and didn't see any Christians." Now he's seeing as many as twelve coming to study the Word for an hour and a half every week! As I meet and/or talk with Aaron on a weekly basis I have high hopes for helping this committed group of believers leave and impact on their closed campus.

On a disheartening note, many (not all) of the men I've been meeting weekly have become very 'busy' and consequently unavailable. Please pray that God would lead faithful consistent men to these ministries. The Enemy would love to overwhelm these future leaders with busyness, but God has plans to prosper them and give them a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).

### Please Pray:

- ◆ That God will lead faithful committed men into my path.
- ◆ For Mount Aloysius as more students (specifically men) have gotten involved.
- ◆ Wisdom in beginning a ministry for Athletes here at IUP.
- ◆ That my life after this year will be directed perfectly into God's will.

### Other News

We saw several students step into leadership roles following the Fall Retreat.

A Recent outreach at IUP kept students warm as we offered free hot chocolate in between classes for the week.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support; without it my job would be infinitely more difficult.

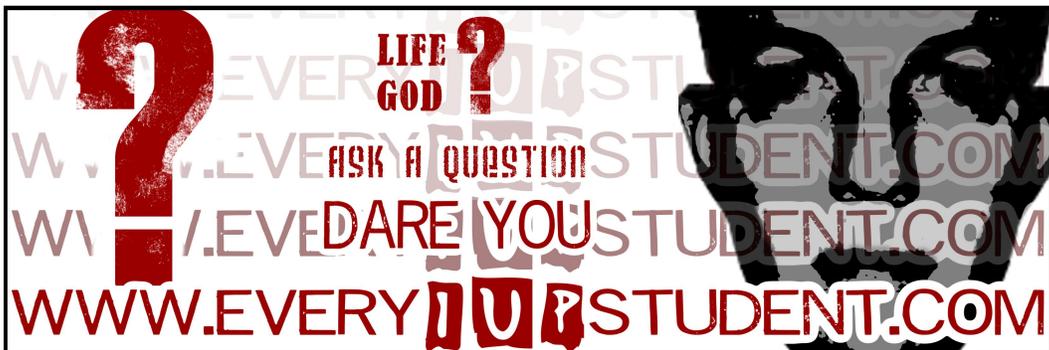
In His Spirit,



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We have seen nearly twenty people accept Christ this year simply by having access to and understanding the material on this website.



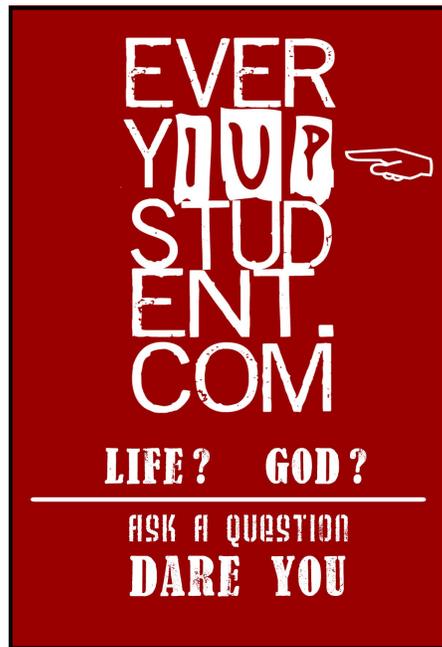
A 6' by 2' banner we hung in the middle of campus



Students were more than willing to stop and talk with us, sometimes even help us!



We went through about 200 cups in two hours, selling out everyday by 11:30 AM



Logo I designed for our week long outreach.

After a snow flurry, and freezing temperatures we ended with a sunny day.

