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Denver Christmas Conference Shaped Lives

On New Year's Eve, the Hyatt Lobby was packed with guests layered in coats and scarves to ward off the 10 degree weather. Around 1,000 of the guests wore neon orange and yellow wristbands; this group made up the Denver Christmas Conference 2014 that Laura and I helped staff. A mix of students from Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico, Kansas, and Missouri all traveled to Denver to spend five days growing in their relationships with Christ and learn how to share Him.

The week included 9 talks, 22 seminars, "TED" style talks, small group times, campus times, faith experiences and musical worship as a way to help students connect with God and motivate them to engage with others about Christ. We even had the privilege of hosting the first "Prospective MPM Staff" informational meeting at our hotel room where 15 students came to explore that option!

Laura and I both got to speak to hundreds of students and teach seminars on evangelism to prepare students to be a witness to those around them. In the photo on top of this page, I (blurry dot in the back) was able to help students use their phone to call presumably lost friends or family and interview them to discern their worldview, and to then ask them what they thought about the message of the Gospel. Laura trained a different group on using social media to engage friends with the Gospel. (See photo)



Ryan was a student who waited to talk to me after our outreach training and his heart was visibly crushed because his Grandma did not want to talk about the Lord and because there were no other committed Christians in his family. He is growing in his compassion for the lost. We prayed for his family, and I ask you to join in praying that he will persevere in being a light to them. Another student I spoke to was initially afraid to call his "lost" friend to do the survey, but was pleasantly surprised to find that his fear vanished as his friend opened up to him about his spiritual past and his willingness to re-consider Christ and to go to church with him. These are just two small examples of how God was shaping students to reflect his heart and take his message to a lost and dying world.

We thank God for raising and exceeding our 2014 budget needs right on New Year's Eve! We are growing into our new roles, and God is using your gifts and prayers to lead MPM to reach many more students for Christ in 2015!

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