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Paying for Students to Date

The beginning of the school year has a way of keeping you in awe of God. This year we knew we would be meeting a lot of new students and our challenge would be following up with the interested students. (85% of the students we surveyed we're open to connecting with Christians or learning about Jesus.) So we had a coffee date challenge for our leadership students. We'd pay for the coffee of every new student they took out to coffee with the intention of discussing spiritual things and sharing the gospel. Kelsey swept the contest taking out 10 new girls in two weeks and got to see God come through in big ways. Here's a recap of what God did in one day.



Kelsey was sharing about the campus ministry and the gospel with another student over coffee when a girl walked up and asked if they were talking about college ministry. Kelsey said "Yes" and the girl asked if she could hear about the ministry too. Kelsey invited her to sit down and shared with her about Jesus and the ministry. Kelsey then headed to her new dorm to get her roommate for her next coffee date that day. Another of her roommates overheard they were going to coffee to talk about God and she said, "You guys are going to talk about God? I want to hear about God, can I go?" Another opportunity to share. Then a little later Kelsey was waiting for her last coffee date for that day. While she was waiting for the new girl another girl walked up and asked Kelsey if she was Megan. Kelsey said, "No, are you Sara?". The girl sat by Kelsey and when neither of the people they were meeting showed up, they decided to talk to each other and Kelsey got to share with her. One of these girls later said she had been homesick, and if it weren't for Kelsey caring about her, she would have gone back home to Alaska.

It's exciting to see what God can do with students willing to be used by Him. So far this year we are seeing many new students get involved, connected and discipled and many have heard the message of the gospel and are considering Christ. This last weekend we hosted a retreat where significant life changing decisions were made. Please pray for the Lord to continue to use our student leaders in other students lives to impact eternity.

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