



Master Plan Ministries

Out of Darkness into the Light



The first six weeks of the fall semester is the busiest time of year for Austin and I. We hosted weekly dinners, bible studies, student leaders meetings, brought in special guest speakers for our large group meetings and put on special events like concerts, guys and girls nights, prayer nights, a debate with the atheist club and a retreat as well as met with students individually and shared the gospel as much as we could. Through each activity God gave us the privilege of seeing students lives changed and huge decisions made.

Students inwardly battle secrets and believing lies about themselves, God and others, and outwardly battle lies pushed on them by the culture (the picture on the left is an ad on campus). These lies often don't get exposed unless the student chooses to open up and get involved in a community. Last weekend we put on a retreat focusing on the last 24 hours of Christ's earthly life and gave students an opportunity to get their secrets out. Saturday night was one of the most powerful times as a group I have ever witnessed. Almost the entire room was in tears, personalizing the sacrifice Jesus made in connection with these hidden struggles. There was a time of individually speaking out in front of the 40 other students present what God has rescued them from: "lust, pornography, anger..." followed by a time of sharing what they still needed rescue from. "Self-hate, anger, fear, pride, lust..." This was followed by time of praying for each other in small groups. Many students shared things they have never shared with anyone and experienced Christ's forgiveness and acceptance. As a result of this night, significant decisions were made to follow Christ and two guys surrendered their life to Christ.

The timing of the retreat was sandwiched between bringing in The Traveling Team (a group who ignites a passion and vision to reach the world for Christ) to share at our large weekly meeting, and a Prayer Experience (a prayer night with stations set up leading them to pray for things like God's passion for the world to know Him and God's heart for the orphans and oppressed.) As a result four students chose a new direction in life of giving their life to missions. Luwam is one of them. She is from Eretria where only 11% of the people of her country are followers of Christ. God gave her a desire to be a missionary doctor to her country. Amber also has a desire to reach the unreached and God gave her an opportunity to lead Josh, a Chinese doctor to Christ at the retreat. About two thirds of our entire group expressed interest in missions. We pray that God would continue to raise up laborers for the harvest from our campus.

Each event we've had we've seen God show up like this in powerful life changing ways, like with Ashlee. A few months ago she was physically caught by two people as she was throwing herself off a balcony trying to kill herself. That experience caused her to think about God. She came to a dinner concert we put on and Austin shared the gospel with her. A few days later she went to another event called 'amp olympics', where I had an opportunity to share the Gospel with her. However it didn't click until a few days later when we brought in an evangelistic band where she got to hear the gospel a third time. That night she finally understood and surrendered her life to Christ. She is a brand new believer and already being used by God to reach out to other students like Tori and Adam. We get together weekly to go over the basics of the Christian life, and I have never seen someone so eager to grow.

We are in awe of God as He works dramatically in student's lives, leading them to live whole-heartedly for Him. It is an incredible privilege to see God preparing students to reach and influence the world for Christ. Thank you for partnering with us!