

MINNEAPOLIS MINUTE

An update from Campus Outreach Minneapolis

2007-2008:
year in review



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From Ken Currie, Director of Campus Outreach Minneapolis

It is important for God's people to regularly pause, recount, and praise God for what He has done. This is a dominant theme in the Old Testament as God commands the Israelites to "remember" His faithfulness to them.

We find commands to reflect on God's work in saving and multiplying the Israelites. We see God's faithfulness in making covenants with His people through Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. In particular, God's covenant with Abraham (and Abraham's progeny) is a centerpiece of God's covenant love which God's people must not forget (Gen. 15, 17). In the Bible, much is made of God bringing the Israelites out of the bondage of Egypt to possess a land of their own (Ex. 13:3).

At the end of the school year, we take a moment to catch our breath as we prepare to dive into a summer full of ministry plans and opportunity. As we remember God's faithfulness to us, here are a few evidences of His work

- Our staff team continues to express and enjoy an abiding love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I do not take this for granted. It is a great mercy of God that **the dominant theme among our team** is the Gospel and how it applies in all of life.
- An abiding desire to see **this Gospel go forth** on the campuses of the Twin Cities and the world.
- **Conversions** among students (approx. 25 new confessions for Christ this school year)
- Increasing **student leadership** in the movements on our campuses
- **Sending out staff** from and, Lord willing, to fruitful ministry: Chris and Amy White, Mark and Carmela Batluck, Jennifer Owen, Katie Carter
- God's continued provision in **meeting our financial needs**
- Strengthening of our **administrative ministry**: Hired, Nick Stromwall, engaged to Katie Vanderheyden, both graduates of the University of Minnesota. Hired Brie Berg, Northwestern College graduate.
- Four of our **staff couples are pregnant** (Williamsons, Poteats, Reagans, Brooks)

We thank God for all of you that partner with us through prayer and financial support. May you pause and remember all God's faithfulness to you as well.

BY THE NUMBERS...

While numbers do not tell us everything, they give us one indication of how God is blessing our ministry. As you read these numbers, remember that each number represents a soul that is being impacted by God through our ministry on each of our campuses.

of Students

At 2007 Summer Beach Project	96
At 2007-2008 weekly meetings (avg.)	190
In discipleship groups on campus	120
At 2007 Christmas Conference	190
At 2008 Summer Beach Project	97



One way that I have seen my life impacted by the Gospel has been through intentional ministry. Having older guys in my life who have walked alongside me to help open my eyes to see Jesus Christ has encouraged me to want to grow in my relationship with Him. Not only have these guys helped me see Christ more through some of my questions and struggles, but they have modeled it in a practical way which I believe has helped me to see the need and value of life-on-life discipleship. Just as my life has been impacted, I want to do the same by influencing younger guys at Northwestern in hopes that they would see that same need - not just on our campus, but for the entire world.

-Jack Thompson
Northwestern College



I became a Christian at the Christmas Conference in Chicago. During one of the talks, I saw the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly for the first time ever. It is so freeing to see that I didn't need to cover up my sin. Before this year, I don't think I ever saw sin as a way to need Jesus more.

-Susie Lorence
Bethel University

STUDENT TESTIMONIES

Through some guys involved with Campus Outreach who became intentional in my life, the Lord has brought me home. Because of the cross of Jesus Christ, this is where I belong. I am so grateful to God for using Campus Outreach to bring me, a broken sinner, to Jesus.

-Larry Martini
University of Minnesota





C307

CHICAGO CHRISTMAS CONFERENCE

From December 27-31st, 400 students and staff gathered in Chicago, IL for our annual Christmas conference. This year our speaker, Kent Bailey, spoke on the theme of "all things." We looked at how God is above, in, and through all things. Many students grew in their walks with God through this conference, and a few students entered into a relationship with Jesus Christ over the course of the five days in Chicago.

SUMMER BEACH PROJECT

Every summer we take students down to Myrtle Beach, SC for 8 weeks. The goal of the summer beach project is to help students grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as train them up to be leaders back on their college campuses.

During the day, students work jobs at various places around Myrtle Beach. In the evenings, the students go to different training sessions on Bible study, evangelism, and our theme for the summer.

In 2007, our theme was "real." We taught students the truth that Christ is the reality and all other things are shadows pointing to Christ (Colossians 2:17).

This summer our theme is "upside down." We are teaching students about how a lot of our initial thoughts about God and Christ are upside down from the reality of who God is. Students are seeing their sin and running to the gospel to experience forgiveness and redemption. Please continue to pray for this summer, as the beach project continues until July 29th.



LOOKING FORWARD TO '08-'09

We do not want to 'coast' but to keep pressing forward in the work that God has called us to. Although we have enjoyed growth in many ways, we sense that there is much potential yet to be realized for building laborers at the campuses on which we minister.

Here are a few significant events on our horizon:

- New staff training with five new staff for the fall
- Staff Training in August
- School year begins with emphasis on reaching the lost and training leaders in Sept.
- Desiring God National Conference with Campus Outreach Preconference in Sept.
- Christmas Conference in Milwaukee in December

Please pray for wisdom as we plan and power as we labor for His glory!

CO MINNEAPOLIS ONLINE

Please be sure to continue to visit our web site. A few of the features we have available online are:

- **Ministry blog** - stay updated on what is going on with our ministry as a whole
- **Online Resource Database** - We have many articles, Bible studies, talks, and seminars available to download.
- **Photo Gallery** - View pictures from events at each campus plus our ministry wide events, such as Beach Project and Christmas Conference.
- **Online Giving** (Coming Sept. '08)
- Starting this Fall we will give financial supporters of the ministry the ability to donate online through credit card or electronic check.

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