



The Harvest is Plentiful

at Minnesota State University, Mankato



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Making Disciples

Over the Christmas break I received a phone call from Sachi (from Japan) who is an active member of our fellowship here at MSU. She said, "Pastor I want to serve more in the ministry. The Lord is speaking to me about serving more, and I want to be a blessing to the ministry! Please tell me where I can help." These are the phone calls that you live for as a pastor; to see the maturity and growth in a student that you are training.

Within days of Sachi calling me, I received an email from a fellow minister friend of ours at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota. This person is the same lady who introduced us to Sachi when she first arrived at MSU back in the fall of 2009. In her email she mentioned that she knew of a student from Taiwan who was coming to MSU in January, and was wondering if we would help with her transition into Mankato. Sachi was involved in all our emails and was immediately excited about helping with Patty (not her real name) when she arrived.



Sachi and Isaiah at our Christmas party

When Patty arrived in January, she and Sachi became instant friends! Sachi helped Patty find campus housing, took her shopping, showed her around the campus and much more. Patty moved into the same apartment complex that Sachi lives in, and her apartment is across the hall from Sachi's! Coincidence? I think not! By Sachi selflessly laying her life down, the Lord has given her many opportunities to share Christ with Patty. *In December Sachi said to Jesus, "I am available", and now she has a potential disciple!* Thank you for making it possible for us to train Sachi who is now leading Patty from Taiwan into the Kingdom!

Discovering Christianity Group Study (DCGS) update

This semester we have been very blessed to have a young lady from China attend our DCGS. As you may remember, we started this study for the purpose of reaching out to international students who want to learn about Jesus, the bible, and Christianity. She has been faithfully coming each week, and you can see how the Spirit of God is drawing her to Jesus. She always has great questions and diligently takes notes. A couple weeks ago we were talking about the blood of Jesus, and she began to understand that Jesus took the punishment for her sins on the cross. She was stunned to think that a Holy God would die for her. Please keep this study and the salvation of this Chinese woman in your prayers!

Standing for the Unborn & Exposing the Abortion Industry

On the coldest day of the Minnesota winter so far, we marched for life with Christians from many different campus ministries here at MSU in a solemn pro-life prayer march. We believe that sponsoring this event each year saves babies and helps change the hearts and minds of students! It's interesting to note that college-age women abort more babies each year than any other age group. We were also thankful that for the third year in a row, the pro-abortion students came out to protest our march. These are the people we want to reach with the light of the gospel.



In spite of negative temperatures, we had the largest march yet at MSU.

We also showed the documentary, "Blood Money" after the march. This documentary is narrated by Dr. Alveda King (niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.), and exposes the truth behind the abortion industry from the Pro-Life perspective. (To learn more and view a trailer of the movie, go to www.bloodmoneyfilm.com.) The film examines the history of abortion in America from the inception of Planned Parenthood to the denial of when life begins and the devastating effects it has had on women who have exercised this "choice". We had over 60 students and MSU staff involved in these two events that day and received a wonderful write up in the school paper. (To read the article, go to this web address: <http://www.msureporter.com/news/students-protest-abortion-through-march-and-video-1.1915906>)



(left) Steve (student from Kenya and the drummer in our worship team) and Johnathan at our Packer Super Bowl party. We had great opportunity to build with some students we haven't seen for a while at this event.



Our kids all dressed up for the campus cultural "India Night". It was a fun night honoring our friends from India.

Prayer Requests

- * Please be praying for the "Blacks in the Bible" presentation that we will be doing on campus this February 22nd. February is black history month on campus. Pray that racial prejudices would be dissolved and that students' understanding of race would be changed by the truth of the bible presented at this seminar.
- * This March, Maranatha Christian Church is celebrating thirty years of ministry at the University of Minnesota with a three-day conference. This is the ministry that we were trained up in and sent out from in 2008. Please be praying for the conference that it would be a time of refreshing, reflecting on God's goodness, God's pouring out of His Holy Spirit, and fellowship with the many people who have been impacted throughout the years.

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