



*Campus Missions International
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The Harvest is Plentiful

at Minnesota State University, Mankato



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We praise God for the amazing prayer and financial support team He has blessed us with! We pray that you are encouraged as you read these awesome testimonies of God's faithfulness to the students of MSU!

Chinese Student is Transformed!

Last semester (Spring 2011) we were privileged to have a student from China attend our Discovering Christianity Group Study (DCGS) that we do for international students who want to learn about Christianity. Ann* (her name has been changed to protect her identity) is presently doing her masters degree in the English department here at MSU. When she first heard about our DCGS last January she seemed very eager to join us, even though she was not a Christian. Her hunger to understand the word of God was amazing. She looked up every scripture we covered in the study and wrote them down in a notebook. It was obvious to us that the Lord was drawing her unto Himself.

At the end of last spring semester, Ann went home to be with her family for the summer. After being home in China for a few days, Ann's family had huge feast in her honor, which is a tradition in the Chinese culture when children return from a long journey. That night Ann woke up in the middle of the night and wasn't feeling well. As soon she recognized that she was sick, she heard the voice of God for the first time in her life. The Spirit of God said to her, "Go wake your parents up and have them take you to the emergency room." So Ann responded and got her parents up and they went to the emergency room. The doctor determined that she had a severe case of food poisoning, and ended up staying in the hospital for one month recovering. The amazing thing was that the doctor said to her that if she hadn't woke up her parents that night when she did and came to the emergency room, she would be dead. Wow! Thank you, Jesus!

Ann gave this testimony at one of our Sunday night worship services the day before classes began. You could see as Ann gave this testimony that she had faith, life, and thanksgiving in her heart towards Jesus for saving her. During the worship time that night she was lifting her hands and praising God. Ann is in the Lord now and has been transformed by the love of Jesus. Please be praying that Ann's relationship with Jesus will continue to go deeper and that she will boldly stand for Jesus when she returns to China. Jesus is amazing!



We fed over 100 students and had a balloon toss competition at our Welcome Week Picnic.



The picnic crew cut up fruit and vegetables, made lemonade, and cooked chicken.

Picnic Pictures

Jesus Heals and Saves Coretta

One way that we are able to minister the life and love of Jesus to students here at MSU is by helping them move their belongings from one apartment to the next. Often times you have to meet a natural need before you can talk to them about their spiritual need for Jesus! So this past summer this is exactly what we were able to do by helping move Coretta (a student from Liberia) on two occasions. Coretta was so thankful for the help that she would call Johnathan almost weekly just to say hi and see how our family was doing. It always blessed us to hear from her.

So during the first week of classes, Coretta came to our welcome week picnic with some of her friends from Liberia. They all came over to talk with Johnathan at the grill, and while we were talking, Coretta expressed that she was going to need to sit down because she had chronic back pain. She said she got hit by a board when she was a child and has had pain ever since. At that moment, Johnathan asked Coretta if we could pray for her and ask Jesus to heal her. She said yes. He then asked her if she believed Jesus could heal her, and she said yes. So he had one of the Liberian ladies, who was a Christian, lay hands on her back, and they prayed. The presence of the Lord came, and Coretta's back was instantly healed. Coretta moved around a little to see if the pain would return and it didn't. She was stunned and amazed. We found out later that she was 11 years old when the boy hit her back with the board, and she ended up in the hospital for 3 months. She said up until the Lord healed her she couldn't stand for more than two or three minutes without needing to sit down because of the pain. Thank you, Jesus!

Three days later she came to our Sunday night worship service and after the sermon, Johnathan asked Coretta to come forward and give her testimony on how the Lord healed her. What happened next was an even greater miracle! Coretta shared how her heart was hard towards God when we prayed for her, and she didn't even want to know God or have anything to do with Him. She went on to say that now after Jesus healed her, she no longer wants to know of God, but wants to know Him! She fell to her knees repenting and surrendered her life to Jesus in front of everyone! Coretta experienced the goodness of God, and it brought her to true repentance and faith in Jesus! Please pray for your new sister in Christ as she begins her journey with Jesus!

Prayer Requests



- * September 17th: Please pray for the Prairie River Camp event where we are bringing 30 international students to enjoy the activities. Pray for their hearts to be opened to the gospel!
- * October 4th, 5th, and 6th: Please pray for the Creation Science Lectures. Dave and Mary Jo Nutting from the Alpha Omega Institute will be speaking each night. We will probably have over two hundred students attend these lectures.
- * November 4th: Please pray for the music festival we will be doing on campus. We have the biggest room in the campus student union that can hold up to 1000 students. The band that will be playing is *Flame*, and after the music, Sammy Wanyonyi (a world-wide evangelist) from SWIM will preach the gospel.



Evangeline going on campus with Papa.



Coretta (center) with Jamie (right), who prayed with Johnathan for Coretta's healing.

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