

A.C.T. NEWS

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True Success

Someone recently asked us what some of our successes for the past year were and what some of our disappointments were.

When we started thinking about how to answer those questions, it was a lot more difficult to come up with answers than we thought it would be. Oh, the successes came easy enough: The growth both numerically and spiritually at our campus worship event; the attitude of the students that says our major role on campus is to reach out to the lost and hurting of this world with the good news of Jesus Christ; the number of students that are currently involved in or thinking about vocational ministry either in a local church setting or on the mission field; the joy we have seen when we gather for social activities like birthday parties and movies; the friendships that are being forged that, experience tells us, will last a lifetime; the desire for more in-depth

teaching that is being expressed by students; and even the individuals who have been praying daily for A.C.T. We wish that we had the opportunity to meet with each of you to tell you what is happening.

But the disappointments were more difficult to come up with. Oh, there are things that we wish were different: A.C.T.'s financial situation; the lack of board members that we are experiencing; the desire to begin new ministries and not having the manpower or resources to implement them; the need for another full-time staff member; but to call them disappointments seemed out of place in the bigger picture.

That's probably because we firmly believe that you can tell what kind of a job a campus ministry does by what the alumni of that ministry are doing 4, 5, 6, even 10 years after they leave the ministry. And, if that is a

fair indicator of the impact of a ministry, A.C.T.'s impact has been spectacular. No matter what is happening on the campus at this time, A.C.T.'s students and alumni are real successes for the kingdom. Former and current Campus Ministers alike can point to students and alumni who are really making a difference for the Kingdom of God around the world.

So what are the successes of A.C.T.? They're people. People like you and like others around the country working in Kingdom business, leaders in their local body, and those who are making a difference in people's lives, both now and for eternity. It's people reaching out through the power of the Holy Spirit with the Good News of God's redemptive love for others that caused Jesus to give Himself as a sacrifice for the world. That's the true success of A.C.T.!

Prayer Requests

Listed here are a few general prayer requests for A.C.T.'s ministry. Would you pray for them this month? We'll be looking for God's answers!

For wisdom for our Board of Directors

That finances would increase to meet the budget

That excitement for our ministry would increase

That our alumni would continue to bless the Kingdom

For the ministry of Janet and Brian, this year's interns

For new student involvement at both campuses

What Can You Do?

- Pray for us!!!
- Become an A.C.T. Prayer Partner
- Send us names and addresses of students.
- Partner with us for a special outreach event on campus such as the food giveaways or tailgate parties.
- Invite us to your church to share A.C.T.'s ministry.
- Have an A.C.T. day at your church
- Schedule an A.C.T. Seminar from the list on the other side of this newsletter

Upcoming Visits

Nov. 3-5
Fall Retreat
Lake James,
Angola, IN
Nov. 12:
Rousculp COC,
Lima, OH
Nov. 17:
Garden Park,
Toledo, OH
Worship Experience
Nov. 19:
First COC,
Bryan, OH
Nov. 19:
Youth Rally
Bryan, OH

Let us know if you have anything that we could help you with and we'll be glad to work with you whatever the event.

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Pray! Pray! Pray!

Prayer continues to be the backbone of the A.C.T. ministry. Our Prayer Partners have been faithful in lifting us up daily and going to God on our behalf. Some area churches even held a special time of prayer for A.C.T. in September. But the most exciting thing that has happened recently was our all-night prayer meeting.

It started at 10:00 on Friday night. We gathered and first spent some time alone with God, seeking forgiveness and looking for direction for the rest of

the evening. Then, we started to pray together. We prayed for the lost on campus, that we would have opportunities to reach them. We prayed for the other Christian groups on campus, that God would use them to reach the lost as well. We prayed for unity among God's people everywhere. We prayed for strength and courage to be bold in sharing God's Good News with the people that we come into contact with each and every day. We even prayed for guidance and direction for our ministry on campus and in the

community. Some of us even prayed for you, our supporters. And, while we were praying, the clock turned to 5:30 on Saturday morning.

God has always responded to His children's prayers. And we have learned to expect Him to. We are anxiously awaiting His answers to our prayers. And we continue to pray that we will be aware of those answers when they come and that we will have the courage to act when those answers arrive.

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Looking For A Good Seminar?

We've listed here several of the seminars that Dave and Jeff have prepared. Because of the nature of these topics, each of them would take between 4 & 6 hours to cover properly. They are a great idea for an all-day Saturday program or even a Friday Night / Saturday meeting. There is even the possibility of doing a 4 week Sunday School class. Dave and Jeff have a limited number of dates available to do these seminars, so get your requests in early. Their summer schedule usually has dates readily available, but their fall, winter, and spring schedules tend to fill up more quickly. Call or write for more information.

Topics Include:

Evangelism For The Fainthearted	Social Issues From God's Perspective
Developing a Christian World View	What Is Worship?
Biblical Interpretation	The Names Of God
My Heart - Christ's Home	The Second Coming
Ministry To The Next Generation	Christianity 101
Is Jesus Who He Claimed to Be?	Small Group Leaders Training
Is The Bible Really God's Word?	Bible Study and Meditation