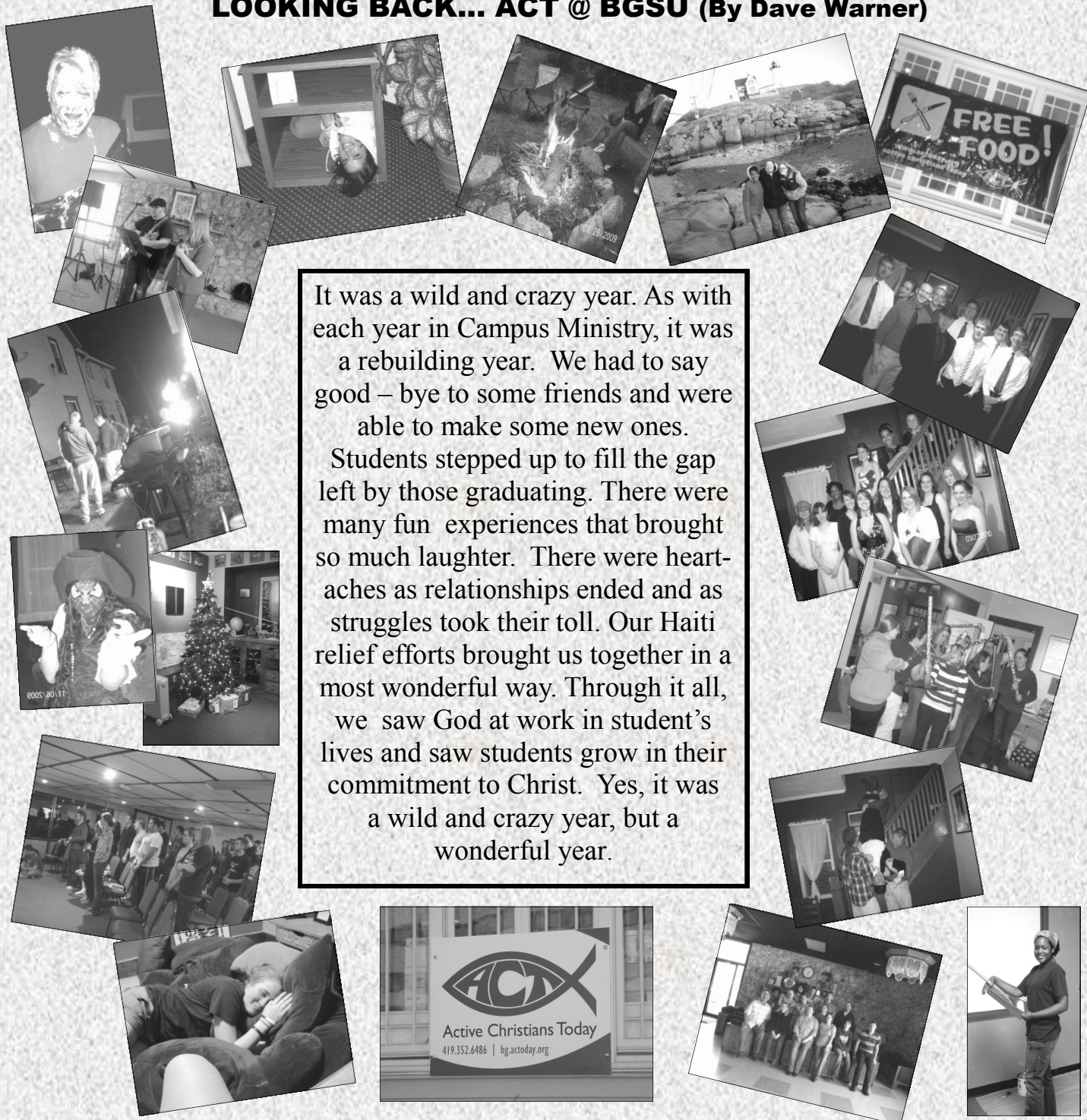


# Active Christians Today

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## LOOKING BACK... ACT @ BGSU (By Dave Warner)

It was a wild and crazy year. As with each year in Campus Ministry, it was a rebuilding year. We had to say good – bye to some friends and were able to make some new ones. Students stepped up to fill the gap left by those graduating. There were many fun experiences that brought so much laughter. There were heartaches as relationships ended and as struggles took their toll. Our Haiti relief efforts brought us together in a most wonderful way. Through it all, we saw God at work in student's lives and saw students grow in their commitment to Christ. Yes, it was a wild and crazy year, but a wonderful year.



## **LOOKING BACK...A.C.T. @ U.T. (By Dan Wearsch)**

I went into my second year feeling like something was missing from ACT@UT. It wasn't that we needed more studies or that things weren't going the way I wanted them to, it was just that I didn't feel like ACT@UT was a family yet. We were getting a routine and a schedule down and we were still getting to know each other, but I felt like it just wasn't there yet.

God does some amazing things quickly sometimes. We began this past semester by focusing on "being real" and "authentic" in our worship, in our friendships, in our relationships with family and with ourselves. A lot of that focus sank in over the semester. God is changing hearts in ACT. We are becoming an authentic and real church family. This was especially defined by three instances from this semester:

- Students initiated parties and ACT events without me even being involved or having to plan them out
- At least three students anonymously gave money/supplies to another student that was in need and this happened on more than one occasion
- A new Spirit-led authentic worship experience breaks out almost every week at Monday Night Worship

**Donut Giveaway:** ACT@UT expanded its donut giveaway to a whopping 28 dozen last month. It was our fourth semester-end giveaway and we could have even bought more to hand out! ACT students braved the rain-soaked UT campus dorms to share sugary goodness and start conversations with on-campus residents. We were mobbed before we could even set the handout table up in the lounge. Students remembered who we were and what we were doing. It was awesome to again challenge the thinking that nothing could possibly be "free" by simply giving treats to people without asking anything in return. We expect to easily do over 30 dozen next semester!

**Foot Washing:** ACT@UT gathered at the student rec center to participate in this year's Dance Marathon—a fundraising event where students are made to stay on their feet for close to 18 hours. We set up four tubs on the ground and offered to wash the tired, worn feet of the dancers. It was our second year doing this and it was awesome to see so many students remember us from last year. We were even able to get a shout-out from the DJ who came and got his feet washed at least twice. Again, we wanted nothing in return; we merely wanted to take the words and actions of Jesus in the Gospel of John literally and seriously. One girl came up to us at least 3 times and asked us questions about why we were doing this and we got to talk with her about Jesus. A seed was planted and God watered it extremely fast. That same girl showed up for Bible study the next day and has been hanging around the ACT campus house ever since. She has even brought friends over. Pray that we will continue to reach her for Christ.

### **What Can A.C.T. Do for You?**

#### **ASSIST YOUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

- Our campus ministers are available to come speak at your worship service.

#### **BRIEF TALK FROM STUDENTS**

- Students are available to come and share their "Thanks" and to share how A.C.T. has affected their walk with Christ.

#### **TEACH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- A.C.T. staff are available to teach your adult Sunday School class.

#### **TEACH HIGH SCHOOL/ JR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- A.C.T. staff and/or students are available to come and share about being a Christian while at college.

#### **SPEAK AT YOUR MISSIONARY GATHERINGS**

- ACT would enjoy the opportunity to come and speak about missions and/or the ministry of A.C.T.

### **What Can You Do For A.C.T.?**

#### **BECOME A PRAYER WARRIOR**

- Each month, we prepare a special prayer list on behalf of A.C.T. Would you be willing to pray daily for the needs on that list? If interested, contact us, if you want to receive the list through regular mail or E-Mail and we'll put you on that list.

#### **AN ACT SHOWER**

- It is very expensive to keep A.C.T. running. We need paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper plates, cups, plastic dinner ware, all kinds of office supplies, especially envelopes and copy paper.

#### **LET US BE A VISITING MISSIONARY**

- A.C.T. would love the opportunity to speak during any missions gatherings at your church.

#### **FINANCIALLY SUPPORT A.C.T.**

- There are two ways that you can become a partner with us: A one time gift or become a regular supporter.

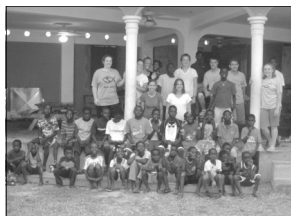
## TO HAITI AND BACK



On May 17 at 3:30 a.m. ten people left Bowling Green headed to Detroit to take the first flight to Miami. The next morning we flew into Port au Prince and then onto Port de Paix, our home for the next eight days at the “In The Father’s Hands” children’s home.



We immediately set up home, our tents, and began preparing for the projects. The May trip to Haiti is always a focus on teaching opportunities for education students. We taught the Bible class in the compound Christian school; taught a V.B.S. for the children of the school and of the children’s home; taught devotions for the various age groups in the children’s home; and taught a V.B.S. at a remote area on the other side of the city in a little church A.C.T. adopted a couple of years ago.



One morning some of us hiked two and a half hours up a mountain to attend a revival service and got caught in a severe rain storm during the hike back down. When they arrived back, it was hard to tell who was who as they were drenched from the rain and were covered from head to toe in

mud.

One of our other projects is “home visits”. Before going into Haiti, we collect items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, and combs, etc. for “home visit packets”. We then go to homes, present the gifts and pray with those who receive the gifts. It always is exciting to see the homes God leads us to.



We returned to Port au Prince the day before we were scheduled to return to the U.S. What an overwhelming, heart breaking experience as we toured the city and saw first hand the devastation caused by the earthquake. We saw thousands and ten thousands of tents with each tent providing shelter for at least one Haitian family.

## A.C.T. SERVING THROUGH RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Whether through serving “God Dogs” and “Jesus Burgers” at 3 a.m., serving coffee and donuts to students studying for finals, providing a “free” carwash, or washing hurting feet of dancers at a dance marathon raising money for charity, students are learning to share the love of God through serving. While many of those being served don’t comprehend the “why’s”, it provides many opportunities for spiritual conversation.



**God Dogs & Jesus Burgers**

At U.T. one of those whose feet were washed at the dance marathon came and asked why the ACTers were doing that. As a result, she has been attending one of the ACT@U.T.’s Bible studies.

B.G.S.U’s free car wash provided many opportunities to share about God’s love. One person in particular tried to give money. When we told him that it was free he replied that he knew that and still tried to give a donation. We shared about God’s free gift and told him that “free” means “free”. He just shook his head and said, “I have never heard of anything like this”. He smiled and drove off.

Jesus said that the greatest in the Kingdom was the one who served the most. We have some real servants at ACT.



**Foot Washing**

As a result, she has been



**“Free” Car Wash**

## A.C.T. Has A New Online Giving Provider.

You can support A.C.T. by online giving through Checking, or savings accounts, or debit cards and recurring gifts. Go to <http://giving.actoday.org> to sign up or make a donation. Thanks.

## SAYING GOOD-BYE

For the last two years, the voice at the other end of the phone has been the voice of Kim Kintner, A.C.T.'s Administrative Assistant. Kim and Mark, her husband, have long been involved with A.C.T. Kim and Mark were both members of A.C.T.@BGSU as students. Dave had the privilege of performing their wedding six years ago. Mark was worship leader for A.C.T.@BGSU for nearly two years.

Over three years ago, Mark and Kim went on one of A.C.T.'s trips to Haiti and fell in love with a little girl by the name of Rose. They decided to try to adopt Rose. On the second trip to Haiti, this little guy by the name of Wally came up and grabbed Mark's leg, looked up at him, and said, "Daddy". Adoption number 2. Later they found out that Wally had two siblings at the orphanage... Stephen and Lilly. Adoption numbers 3 and 4.

Waiting patiently for over three years, the earthquake in Haiti not only changed the lives of 100,000's of Haitians, but also changed the lives of the Kintners forever. Traveling to Haiti last January, Kim was able to bring the four new Kintners out of Haiti on Humanitarian Parole, a program set up to allow the Haitian children in the process of being adopted to come to the U.S. and to allow the adoptive parents to finish up the adoption process in the U.S.

The Kintner family has tripled in number. Kim wants to stay at home and be a "mom", one of her life long dreams. She continued to work for A.C.T. on a limited basis until the children were out of school for the summer break.

We are going to miss Kim, her smile, her sense of humor, her love for the students, and her commitment to A.C.T. We wish the Kintners only the best as they grow as a family. Thanks Kim!!!



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