



## Looking Back Over the Year

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*Training Group study over for dinner!*



*Some of the Platteville guys.*



*Worldwide Day of Prayer gathering.*

Finishing our first full year of campus ministry gives us a chance to look back, review, and thank God for what he has done. We have seen people come to Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. We've seen freshmen come to college and instead of walking away from their faith they have experienced a new depth to their relationship with the Lord. We've seen believers take steps of faith and share their faith with friends, roommates, and complete strangers. Thanks for being a part of this! Praise God!

In order to give you a view of what the ministry at Madison looks like I wanted to give you some numbers from the end of the year. It's exciting to see how the Lord is at work. In an increasingly secular society God is bringing increasing numbers of people into relationship with Himself. So here are the numbers....At UW-Madison we ended with 400 students involved in small group Bible studies! I think that is my favorite statistic. 400 UW-Madison students studying the Word of God every week together. That's cool. Out of those we have 40 INB's (Involved New Believers) which means that these students not only made a decision for Jesus but are currently active in the movement. This might be my favorite statistic too! We've also seen 150 freshmen get involved this year. There are 9 students doing full-time ministry this coming year out of the movement. And this summer we are sending students around the world on short term missions projects. Praise God for what He is doing but please continue to pray that God would do even more!

➔ Over spring break we went on a short mission trip with 49 UW-Madison students to Panama City Beach (PCB.) The trip is called "Big Break." And it is big!!! On the other side I've included a page just on Big Break stories. It was amazing. It was one of the best things that we've done in a while....you'll see!

### Prayer Requests:

- 1) Please pray for the students as they leave school for the summer. Summer can be a very difficult time for students spiritually as old habits and old friends can be road blocks to a vital spiritual life. Pray that our students would be able to walk with Jesus this summer.
- 2) Pray for DeAnn and I. We will be doing some traveling and speaking this summer (and hope to see many of you!) During the middle of the summer we will be taking some classes to better prepare us as ministers of the gospel as well. Pray that we would have safe travel. Pray also that we would grow and become better equipped through our class work this summer.
- 3) Pray for DeAnn's health. She recently has had a bit of a step back in her health. Pray for healing for her.

# What I'll remember most from PCB '09...



Nothing builds community and forces people to get to know each other better than a 22 hour bus ride!



Spencer, Erich, and Chris (UW students) had a conversation with some guys about where they stood with God. By the end of the conversation, one of the guys confessed, "I was planning on killing myself after I got back from spring break, but because you took the time to have this conversation with me today, you've given me a reason to live."



Last year Tina (*on left sharing her story...*) was in Panama City Beach during spring break to party but eventually she became involved in Campus Crusade after someone had a conversation with her about Christ. This year she was down in Panama City Beach for a very different reason—to share the gospel. After talking with a spring breaker about her story, he said,



"I know I'm talking to you on spring break with a beer in my hand, but I want you to know that I will not forget a single word you have said to me."

About 300,000 students make it down to PCB over spring break. As Billy Graham once said, "People are coming to Christ through a process...the process of elimination, because nothing else seems to be working." During our time in Panama City Beach (PCB), we saw the process of elimination.

One fellow staff met a popular frat guy who had everything he wanted. When the staff member said, "What if God asked you, 'Why should I let you into heaven?' what would you say?" His response was, "I think I could talk God into letting me in..." Politely challenging the answer, the staff read and discussed the parable of "the rich young ruler" and how the story related to the gospel. Afterward, the student soberly said, "What's it like to look into the eyes of someone's life you just changed?"



Mike had a very meaningful conversation with a guy about the gospel in the parking lot of *Spinnakers*, which is a huge, crowded club on the beach; and afterwards he asked Mike, "Can I take a picture of us together, because I don't ever want to forget this night."