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Notes From Dan and DeAnn!

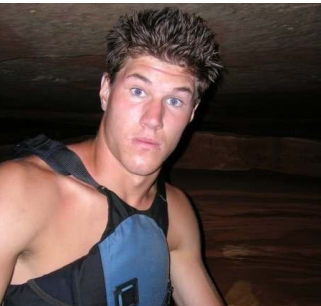
One Story at a Time

Changing lives is the business God is in. It is true for DeAnn and I and it is true for UW-Madison students! Two weeks ago we launched a unique internet outreach centered around telling our friends and the world how Jesus has changed our lives.

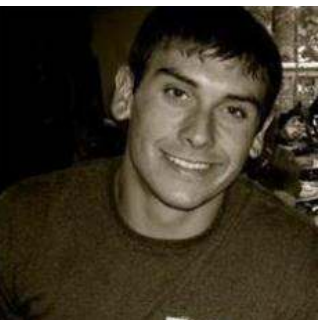
We launched a website (uwsj.wordpress.com) to which we posted our changed life stories from Student Impact at UW-Madison. 121 different stories were posted to the site and then our students shared their stories via email, blogs, and Facebook (a popular social networking site.) The response was amazing! In the past two weeks there have been 12,465 visits to the site. Each story ends with a link to EveryBadger.com which shares the message of salvation and answers hard questions that students may have. 244 people have continued on to visit EveryBadger.com!

Excited is a word that gets overused. But excited is what I am! The implications of this outreach are huge. Quite possibly every student at UW-Madison had the opportunity to read a story of Jesus working in the lives of one of their friends. Student's family and distant relatives were reached. High school friends that now are at different schools also had a chance to read about Jesus. Not only did those readers then get the opportunity to visit another site with the gospel message but they were able to interact with someone they know who loves Jesus! How cool is that!!! **Pray that people would come to know Jesus through this!**

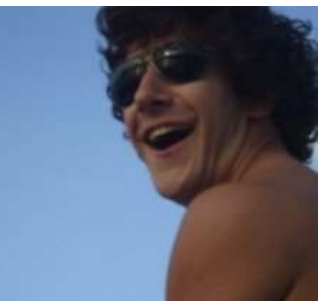
Go to uwsj.wordpress.com and read some of these incredible stories. But here is an appetizer for you:



Tyler: "In that moment I felt more broken, empty, and afraid than I have ever felt in my life. The pride and self worth that I had spent a lifetime building up came crashing down around me. But it was in that moment, with my knees on the dorm room floor, that I asked God to rescue me. Through the pain, I could see that the life I was living wasn't the one God intended for me. I could see that I wasn't really living at all."



Bryan: "After a night of drinking my freshman year, the party I was at was busted and I ended up getting an underage drinking ticket and even getting fired from my job all in one night. I found myself sitting in my room asking myself if this is the direction I wanted my life to go. But despite all the things I did to disappoint him, God used that horrific night to change my life. I rededicated my life to Christ and since then have tried to make it a priority to grow in my relationship with Jesus and not let my faith be stagnant. I know today that I still make a lot of mistakes, but I also know that because God loves me, he forgives me of the things I do wrong by the death of his son, Jesus."



Geoffrey: "He explained to me that the wages of my sin was eternal separation from God and that the only way to be with Him forever was through accepting Jesus Christ as my Savior. So on October 8th, 2008 I received Jesus, giving Him the throne and declaring that He is in control of my life! I was able to walk away from that lunch knowing 100% that I was going to Heaven. My sins should be my responsibility, but God loves me so much that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for my sins for me."