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Notes From Dan and DeAnn!

Why I'm Excited About This Year...

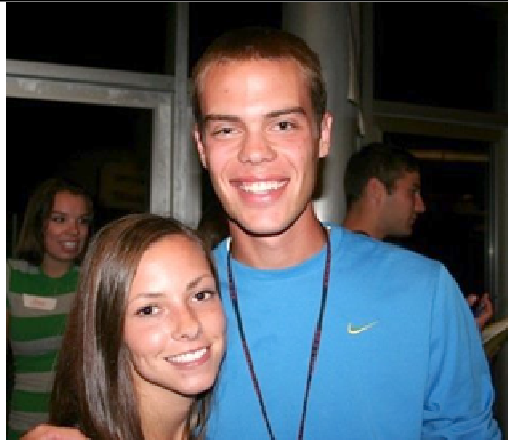
There are so many stories that I would like to share with you. Without your support and prayers we would not be able to be on the frontlines of this ministry. Here is one story of a guy whose life will never be the same. Tyler wrote the following:

I was excited to start my junior year here at UW-Madison, especially with CCC. Before the school year began all of the leaders in the movement, including myself, gathered for a retreat to discuss the year. During this same retreat only a year before I was at a totally different place. While all the leaders were at this retreat one year ago I was with a bunch of friends at a drinking party.

I grew up not having a relationship with God and it didn't bother

me. I didn't think about spiritual things that much. In high school I had a good friend, Kyle, die in a car accident. He went to go pick up friends from a drinking party and fell asleep at the wheel. I refused to believe in God after this.

After that experience I held onto my other friendships as tight as I could. I had a really good core group of friends throughout high school. I also had an amazing girlfriend who I started dating in middle school. I was so afraid of losing these relationships like I lost Kyle, so I put everything I had into them. I would have done anything for my friends. My girlfriend and I were very close. We talked about eventual marriage, and back then we didn't have any



Tyler and his girlfriend Clare. Same girl. Completely different relationship! God changed both of them. Cool huh!

boundaries physically and our relationship was not pure. Looking back it's the biggest regret I have, but at the time I didn't care because God didn't exist to me.

At the time high school was amazing, but thinking about it now it was full of my striving to cling to all those relationships in order to feel like a whole person. In college all those relationships started to deteriorate. I felt like there was this big hole inside of me without friends in my life. At this point in my life I had

some friends ask me to come to Primetime (the weekly meeting of Campus Crusade for Christ at UW-Madison.) The people at CCC really influenced me. I was used to seeing mostly unenthusiastic people struggle through an hour of church and then head home to watch the Packers. The people at CCC were different, though. They wore their love for God on their sleeve and that really intrigued me. This new interest brought me back to Primetime where I heard the Gospel from one of the staff members. I knew at this time that I needed a savior and I accepted Jesus into my life. That is why I was excited for the beginning of this year. I was excited to influence a guy the way I was influenced just a year ago by just asking him to come to Primetime.

Tyler is now reaching freshmen in a dorm on campus. He also shared his story in front of Primetime a couple of weeks ago. At that meeting there were students who indicated praying to receive Christ as their Savior. **Please pray** for student leaders like Tyler who are sharing their faith. Pray for blessing for their lives, their studies, and their ministries. **Please pray** for those students who have recently started a new relationship with Jesus. And **thank you** for being a part of changing lives at UW-Madison!