

# Notes from Dan and DeAnn!!

\*Thanks for stepping onto campus with me. I hope this letter communicates well the ministry that you are having in students lives.

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## Prayer Requests:

- We have an "Authentic Manhood" retreat coming up. Pray that the guys would catch the vision to be real men as God would have them be.
- That the vision trip DeAnn and I are taking would be profitable for both of us in understanding our roles next year and in managing our expectations. (And that DeAnn would love Mexico!!!)
- DeAnn and I are in the application process for Mexico. Pray that all would go smoothly in our preparations. Also please begin praying for our financial support for next year.
- Pray for Brian who recently came to Christ. He has been called up and is possibly in Kuwait as you read this.

## Urban Immersion: L.A.

For the past three years I've gone to Mexico over Spring Break. I always thought that you had to get out of the country to experience culture shock. I was wrong. This year twenty students and seven staff went from Stevens Point Wisconsin to inner city L.A. for a spring break project called Urban Immersion. Culturally it shocked our socks off!!!

We provided support for a half afro-American and half Hispanic church. We did service projects which included painting and hauling food used for outreaches. We also led kids clubs (using CEF material) for the local children. And perhaps the most "out there" thing we did was set up Prayer Tables. We set up tables on the street corner with big signs saying "Free Prayer" and then talked to anyone and everyone we could. We would pray with them about their needs and if we could we shared the gospel with them. (Keep in mind that this is inner city L.A.!!!)

Let me explain this picture a little to you. Ole and Luke are with Willie, a little guy who we found out, snuck out of his house to come to the kids club. He told his sister about them and

one day Shantaya showed up at the church. She is smiling in the picture but she was not smiling when she came to the church. She came to the church as her last option. She was depressed and suicidal. We were able to get her involved in the church and talking with the pastor. Hopefully through this she will come to know Christ and depend on Him as her hope. Praise God w could be there.

Another amazing story is Ole! This trip was Ole's first missions trip. In fact, this trip was Ole's first plane flight, first time in

the inner city, first time to see the ocean, etc. What is even more unique is that Ole is a one month old Christian in this picture. When God got a hold of his heart he really shook it up!!! He says he used to hide from Glen (another staff guy) when he would see him because he knew it was about God. Now he is planning how to share with the rest of his family. Praise God for Ole, and pray for him and his family.



"Ole" (left) and Luke (right) with Shantaya and her brother Willie.

## Authentic Manhood

On April 25 we are having the second and final men's time for this year. It is a huge deal as we are reading a book on purity and watching videos on what Biblical masculinity really is. There is a lot of prep work still to be done and not much time left to do it in.

Already guys are being impacted by the book "Every Man's Battle" and hopefully we will be starting the video series, "The Quest for Authen-

tic Manhood," this next week.

Our first men's retreat was a time to catch the vision of what the campus would look like with real Christian men walking the halls. This retreat hopefully will be the starting point for many of the guys to take a step from being boys to being men, from being passive to being active, and from striving for the world's view of what a man is to striving for what God's view is.

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Until All Have Heard!

# Student Impact

## A Run for the Border

Almost immediately after the men's retreat is over. DeAnn and I will be stepping on a plane for Mexico. We have been asked to come to the Campus Directors Conference to both get a view of the ministry going on in Mexico and to cast a vision for the Catalytic Design Team that we are going to be heading up. This is especially important for DeAnn because she has not been to Mexico before and has never met the leadership there or experienced ministry in Mexico.

We are both looking forward to being a part of "Student Life" or "Vida Estudiantil". Please be praying for our trip, especially with the world currently being in a slight state of upheaval. Please be praying also for the time where we get to interact with the other staff in Mexico. This potentially could be very good as a kickoff for catalytic ministry in Mexico. Most of the

staff do not understand catalytic (student led) ministry or have a vision for it. DeAnn and I want to expose them to the concept and help them have the same vision that we have.

Finally, please be praying for some more people for this team. The team needs individuals who have a certain skill set which is not very common. They need to understand catalytic ministry, understand Mexican culture, speak Spanish, be laid-back (due to the Mexican culture and a new team) and be self-motivating (the team will be largely on its own developing the ministry.) As of now the team consists of two people, DeAnn and I. We would love to see another two or three people join us. Here are some specific people to be praying for: Eric Purcell from Nebraska, and then two nationals from Mexico, Dansu and Arreli.

