

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:

- Pray for Eric and Andy and for Anthony and Justin as they prepare this summer to lead Bible Studies in their respective dorms.
- Pray that our support raising time would go well this summer. We are in somewhat of a time crunch because the Mexican National Team wants us there in early September.
- A BIG praise!!! DeAnn received her official acceptance to STINT. Something we expected but were still waiting to hear. (So now we both can go to Mexico next year@)
- Another praise!!! I recently received a letter from Bryan. He is headed overseas but he has his Bible in tow. He told me that he carries it with him on training exercises and reads it during down time.

"Last night I gave God control of my life."

Right before Christmas I sent out a *Day to Day of Ministry Update* in which I asked you to pray for Ben and Eric in Pray-Sims Hall. Your prayers have been and are being answered still.

I met Eric the second week of the first semester. It was there I learned of his background in a Christian family, some rough stuff that had happened in some of his Christian relationships, and how he just didn't trust anyone anymore. Well, that was a challenge! Especially since he turned out to be such a cool guy to be friends with. After a semester I asked him to be in discipleship with me and two other guys from his hall, his roommate Ben and Andy. We dove into a book right off the bat. It was a book on purity which I think every guy should read. But it had an unexpected and life-changing side-effect for Eric. In the 4th chapter there are three straight pages filled with bold verses dealing with how we are to live. Of course the focus was on purity but what hit Eric as he read the verses were words like this, "But God did not call us to be impure, but to lead a holy life. (1st Thess. 4:3-

7)" And Eric said to himself, "this is what God wants from me and I am not living like it." After that revelation he laid his book down, closed his eyes, and prayed to God, giving God control of his life. Now whether he was saved before as a child or whether that was his prayer of salvation I'm not sure, but what I am sure of is that Eric

became a new Eric in the weeks that followed. He truly began living his life in light of eternity.

He began the next day by telling both Andy and I about his decision. Not only us, but he called someone from his past where there was a break in the relationship to tell them and to begin the healing process.

Next year, he and Andy are leading Bible Study in Pray-Sims and I am excited about what kind of impact for the kingdom that they are going to have. It is amazing to watch God at work in a life!!!



Eric and I in front of Pray-Sims where Eric will co-lead Bible Study next year.

A Number is Worth a Thousand Words!?!?!?

Reaching individuals and seeing their lives changed by God is where my heart is at. But sometimes it is so encouraging to see the big picture of things and to see how the ministry as a whole is doing and what it is doing. Check out what happened at Stevens Point this year!!!

- ◆ Total Involvement: 334 (students attending at least two events a month)
- ◆ Freshmen Involved: 139
- ◆ Students in Small Groups: 287 (86% of the entire movement!!!)
- ◆ Going on Summer Missions Projects: 32
- ◆ Intern/STINT for next year: 11

God is BIG and He did BIG things at Point this year!!! Amen!

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Don't Drink the Water!

Other than the water, Mexico is an amazing place. We flew into Mexico City really praying two things. One, that DeAnn would be able to get a feel for Mexico and that she would enjoy herself. And two, that we would get a grasp of what our ministry would look like next year. Both happened and more.

For DeAnn this was a very needed and very helpful time. She was able to see the city we will be living in, meet some of the people we will be ministering with, and get a taste of the culture we will be immersed in. It was a little difficult due to the language barrier for her, but she picked up quite a bit even in the short time we were there. Although hour long lectures in Spanish still made her tired. Who would've thought?

As for a vision for ministry next year we feel much more prepared. We listened as the leaders of the movement in Mexico

shared their hearts for the students. We were able to ask questions as to what they wanted from us and what they expected us to do. We didn't get all our questions answered however. As someone put it, "if we knew the answers we wouldn't have to put together this team!" There are some things that are simply unknown. It seems as if it is a perfect situation for DeAnn and I to be put in. I enjoy the unknown and DeAnn will make sure that things actually become known.



DeAnn and I with the current and future Campus Directors of Xalapa (where I first went to a CCC meeting!)

The basic plan is to develop a strategy to reach new campuses and care for the reached students. Being in Puebla will also allow us to test our strategies on one or more of the numerous campuses in the city. We are also hoping to have a web-based resource page that can then be exported to other Latin American countries. This is a big and exciting opportunity. Please keep praying!