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God's Amazing Mathematics

Purdue University - Greek IV Outreach April 13 - 14, 2010

Multiplication

The mentoring of one equals spiritual growth of many. It is always a thrill to witness and a privilege to participate in God's work. Mark has enjoyed mentoring Purdue IVCF staff member, Tyler Riffe (pictured left with Mark) and challenging him to take the next step in using his own evangelistic gifts.



This time Tyler joined Mark in the "hot seat" fielding spiritual questions at the Greek (fraternity/sorority) IVCF "Question Mark" outreaches. It was exciting to see Tyler respond to questions with his own stories, insights, and Scripture! Tyler did a great job clearly articulating God's hope to the students.



God's amazing math is evident. As Mark invests in Tyler, Tyler mentors student leaders from 18 Greek houses. The multiplication continues as Annie (student evangelism coordinator) **develops** her own evangelistic gifts, and other IVCF student leaders and members work to impact fellow Boilermakers (Purdue students) for Christ.

OUR VISION IS TO SEE:
STUDENTS & FACULTY
TRANSFORMED
campuses RENEWED
& WORLD CHANGERS
DEVELOPED



Addition

During the writing of this letter we received a text from Tyler that **one more has been added to the family of Christ!**

While at Purdue, Mark and Tyler met with a pre-Christian fraternity guy named Scott. Tyler and Scott met together previously to discuss Scott's spiritual questions. During their time with Mark, Scott agreed that they had exhausted most of his apologetic questions. However, he was still not quite ready to accept Christ's lead in his life. Now, two weeks later Scott is ready to be added to the number of students letting Jesus **transform** their lives.

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling

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May 2010 Prayer Requests

On April 19 arguments were presented before the **U.S. Supreme Court in a case** potentially having a major impact upon campus ministries like InterVarsity. At stake is the right for Christian groups to be officially recognized on campus (e.g. free to publicize and reserve rooms, etc.) without charges of discrimination for requiring leaders to be Christians and agree with core Christian doctrine and morality. **Please pray for a favorable decision** expected in the summer.

You may follow the case at:
www.intervarsity.org/news/campus-ministry-threatened.

Chapter Focus Week (Cedar Campus)

Please pray for Mark as he trains students in evangelism in the "Live to Tell" track **May 1-7** and **May 22-28**. Pray for students to be mobilized as witnesses to their friends.

WANTED: New Supporters

Pray for new ministry partners for an additional \$900/monthly support, and **\$9000** by June 30th to end the fiscal year in the black.

Cut along this line to detach prayer card.

A Time of Renewal

Spiritual Retreat with Leighton Ford April 19 - 21, 2010

From a "dry and weary land" Mark received refreshment and renewal under the guidance of Leighton Ford (brother-in-law to Billy Graham). Leighton has influenced Mark in many ways over the years, and most recently Leighton's book *The Attentive Life* has stirred Mark's soul.

Mark enjoyed discussing with Leighton his recent spiritual journey and renewed passion for investing in younger evangelistic leaders. For the next two days at a lake condo, Mark read, rested, and reflected upon Psalm 62. The words of the psalmist were profound, "**My soul finds rest in God**" or another translation says "**My soul in silence waits**". After time alone, Mark met again with Leighton to process his readings, reflections, evangelistic calling and to pray together. Through Leighton Ford and Psalm 62 God spoke to Mark's thirsty spirit in a new and restorative way.

Mark with Leighton Ford



Lake view from the Charlotte, NC retreat condo.



Taking the Next Hill

Financial Status - Fiscal Year End

In December we "climbed a mountain" together as God provided through you the funds to eliminate our deficit and add several new financial partners. We have "one more hill to climb" - to finish our fiscal year in the black.

While our situation is greatly improved, we will need an extra \$9,000 in special gifts by June 30 to meet our expenses (which are well below budget). Please pray for this need, and consider giving either online or by check (see instructions below) to help us see this generation of students **transformed** by Jesus Christ!



How to make Financial Contributions:

- For EFT (electronic funds transfer), credit card or online giving designate "Mark Slaughter" at: www.intervarsity.org/donate/
- Checks payable to IVCF, include a note to designate "Mark Slaughter" and mail to:

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