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MINISTRY UPDATE

What do 6 college campuses, 1 city park, Ocean City, Maryland, Mending Fences, Union Gospel Mission, and the Spokane Transit Center have in common? These are all of the places, by God's Grace, I get to do ministry.

In addition to North Idaho College (NIC), Eastern Washington University (EWU), Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC), and Spokane Community College (SCC), our move to Plummer, Idaho put me within easy driving distance of the University of Idaho (UI) and Washington State University (WSU) where I started doing ministry last school year. My college schedule is Monday NIC, Tuesday WSU, Wednesday UI, and Thursday EWU, SFCC or SCC. Read on to see some of the exciting fruit from these college ministries.

CDA City Park once again proved to be a great summer ministry. Crowds at the sketchboard can range from 1 to 15+. We shared the goodness of Jesus Christ with hundreds of people throughout June and July.

Once again, this summer I had opportunity to take a trip back to Ocean City, MD to help Mark Johnson train 10 junior high and high school aged young men to open air preach using the sketchboard. What a joy seeing young people standing up for their faith.



God's Word

I am often asked what is the most common objection to Christianity I hear. Some of the objections are: no evidence for God or Jesus, religion is bad or there are so many related to the existence of evil and suffering, etc. Really most objections are rooted in the fact that people don't believe God or His word. I compassionately and passionately answer people the best I can and continue to pray and study so that I can represent my Savior as well as possible. Recently in my studies I came across this quote from Voddie Baucham concerning why he believes the Bible. I agree with his statement. He boiled down in one statement what takes me 15 – 20 minutes to explain. "I choose to believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents, written by eye witnesses during the lifetime of other eye witnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claim that their writings are divine rather than human in origin." Look up and read 2 Peter 1:16-21. What I can add to this statement of why I believe the Bible are the totally transformed lives I see and observe.

Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live. The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.

Psalm 119:89, 144, 160

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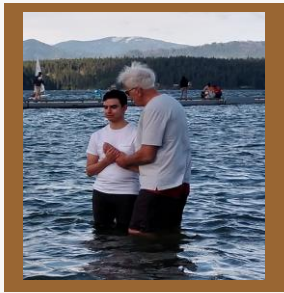
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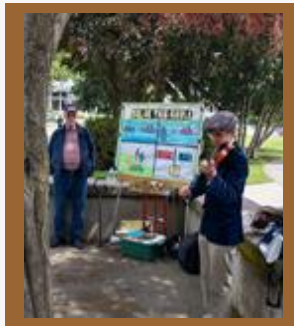
NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE



At North Idaho College (NIC) I am an advisor to an on campus Christian Club, Campus Alive in Christ. Pray for us each Monday as we set up a table and the sketchboard giving out free Bibles, books and tracts. We talk to many

students each week. Pray for Darian, a student some of you began praying for almost 2 years ago. When I first met Darian, he was an agnostic bordering on atheism. Over the last 2 years it has been amazing to watch Darian go from those positions to being a professing Christian. Darian was baptized this last May. Darian attends Maple Street Community Church and is actively sharing his faith. Darian finished his courses at NIC and just headed off to the

University of Idaho. He has a music scholarship there with his violin which he would play when he came out to help with ministry at the CDA City Park.



SUPPORT INFO

As OAC missionaries, we depend on God’s provision. Our 2019 support has ranged from 19% to 38% with an average of 28%. While God has blessed with Angela’s job, we need to get to 50%. We ask that after supporting your local church you would prayerfully consider giving to God’s work through this ministry. We welcome your partnership in reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your tax-deductible gift can be given online at oacgive.org or by mail to OAC PO Box D, Nazareth, PA 18064. Thank You!!

UI and WSU

I will continue to connect with Darian at the UI along with the “text” list I have been developing with other Christian students to notify them of when I will be on campus so that they can stop by to pray and help with ministry. Pray for Blake, he is a young man from our church who is attending UI, connecting with him as schedules allow will be important. Ministry at WSU is expanding quickly with students wanting training on the sketchboard. This summer, Andrew, a WSU student flew over from Seattle to spend a couple of days with me training and doing ministry at the Coeur d’Alene City Park. Praise the Lord for Andrew and his heart to serve the Lord! As a matter of fact, I recently delivered his sketchboard and supplies to him to use in his campus ministry.



UPDATE



Doug, my longtime friend who was diagnosed with a rare liver disease got a new liver in November and I had the privilege of helping him for 3 months of his recovery. There is no way in this short paragraph to express what it meant to me to be able to go through this with Doug. Doug Dennis is a great friend and true gift to me. I am thankful to Doug for allowing me that time and thankful to Angela for her patience and love toward me as I was gone from home during those 3 months. By God’s grace I am a very fortunate man. Doug is doing very well. He has had a few setbacks along the way but continues to improve and is back living at his home in Riggins, Idaho with his dog Dex. Your continued prayers are much appreciated.

PRAYER REQUESTS

When you read between the lines of this brief update, realize there are many hours of prayer, preparation, and planning that go into the implementation of this ministry. Please remember Angela, me, and the volunteers who assist us in the spreading of the Gospel, in your prayers. And be in prayer for all the students I get to speak with that they may come to the knowledge of the truth.

In closing, feel free to call, text or email me for more information. I don’t mind playing phone tag if you don’t. I’m also available to come to your church to give reports, provide pulpit supply, present to Sunday School or small groups or partner with your and your church in other ways.