



Rebecca & Jimmy Coates' Newsletter
Central PA Branch
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Hey everyone! So much has happened since I last wrote. God provided Jimmy and I a house, and we now live south of Altoona, PA. We are so thankful for our new home, close proximity to our church, and friendly neighbors. We also have three hens and a rooster who crows constantly. LOL.

As I look back on the last year, it's interesting how the various college campuses have their own personalities and responses to the Gospel which can vary from one semester to the next. Still, God is faithful to draw students to listen to us on all of these campuses.



Penn State- This is the largest of the college campuses where Zane Dempsie (my branch director) and I share the Gospel, along with Chip and Kim Wolfe and other volunteers. Sometimes, we set up on the campus itself, while at other times, we are near the opening of the college which sees a lot of foot traffic either during the week or Friday night. Some of my most challenging conversations have been with Catholic students who misunderstand the Gospel. I would often get discouraged, but God has truly helped me, not only with Catholics, but with students overall, in direct answer to prayer.



Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)- IUP is our (Zane, Ed Neimann, myself & others) most frequented campus. Although in the last year students have tended to engage us less than in years past, the conversations we do have and the rapport we develop with the students are memorable. We have developed relationships with both saved and unsaved students whom we see repeatedly. Recently, a young man named "D" was opposed to the Gospel at first and visibly intoxicated, but about twenty minutes later, he knew he needed prayer. Please pray Jesus saves and transforms his life.



Penn State. Bottom pic was a good conversation with a Muslim student.

Indiana University of PA



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Lock Haven University- Lock Haven is a small, colorful campus located in a region north of Altoona known as the Wilds, a woody region of the state atop a plateau. Despite its small size, Zane, Chip, Kim, and I have had some very in-depth gospel conversations here. For the most part, students at Lock Haven are curious and polite. I have found using visual aids testing vision and perception (curved shape cards, thank you Mrs. Karen Williams!) to be very helpful in stopping even larger groups to consider if they can get such a small thing wrong, they may also get their eternal destination wrong.



Ministry will continue in front of the Blair County Courthouse and Hagerstown abortion mill in Maryland throughout the summer. Please pray for people to be reached locally and for abortion-going mothers and their babies to be saved spiritually and physically and for that wicked place to finally be closed. Zane and I are also planning to start kids' clubs in the Duncansville area this summer.



Jimmy and I thank ALL of our supporters & prayer warriors for helping us on this journey and ask you to continue to support us as possible. We are also seeking new supporters within the great state of Pennsylvania and anywhere as they are led by God to give as prices and costs of living rise. If you're reading this and are interested in joining our team, I would love to share with you more info about how you can help. To everyone who has helped me these NINE years (man, time flies), thank you so much and God bless you!!!

State College streets at night



Blair County Courthouse

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Lock Haven University



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