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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. Romans 1 v 16

Prayer request and praise

IGNITE Student Conference

With much excitement we announce that a regional Students Missions Conference in South Africa, called IGNITE, will take place between the 13th -15th of September 2013 in Villiersdorp. IGNITE aims to challenge narrow conceptions of mission, show students that all Christians are missionaries and called to be witness of Jesus' Lordship in all areas of life. Speakers for the conference include Lazarus Phiri from Zambia and Brian Koela from The Warehouse in Cape Town.

We praise God for the planning that has already taken place up until today. As it is getting closer to the launch of the conference, pray with us for guidance from God for the rest of the planning that still lies ahead for the IGNITE planning team. Pray also that God would give the speakers wisdom and guidance as they prepare for their talks. Pray for the hearts of the students who will attend the conference, that they would accept the word of God and allow the word to transform their lives. Lastly, Pray for God to work in the hearts of individuals, organizations and churches to give generously towards the cost of the fees for students who have a desire to attend the event but cannot afford it.

For more information see the IGNITE website: www.ignite.org.za

Orfun

Our next outreach with the kids from Leliebloem Children's Home in Athlone will take place at the end of this month. This time we are planning on taking 20 kids to the Iziko museum in Town.

Pray that this event will not simply be an outing for the kids, but that our interaction with them would validate their dignity and worth. Pray also that through the help of the Holy spirit, we would pour out the same love that Christ Jesus had poured out into our lives, into the lives of these kids. Pray that this experience would stir up a desire in students to reach out to others. With the high number of orphans within our country, pray also that this experience would get students thinking of the possibility of adopting children one day.

Mission week 2013

Below is a report from Missy- mission week sub-committee member:

Our theme this year was 'on purpose', with the big question being 'why did you get out of bed this morning?'. Students were really challenged to think about their motives and the reasoning behind why they live in the way they do.

We decided to take a slightly different approach to previous years. Instead of immediately sharing the message of the gospel with everyone who walked up to the stand, we would ask students what they thought the answer was to some of the questions we were asking each day, getting them to respond and then challenging, or sometimes even affirming their views. We took an interest in what was close to the hearts of students and were sensitive to what mattered to them. Then we would share the gospel with them according to what they needed to hear.

I will admit that we didn't always get this right, and some students were still easily offended by our presence on campus. But many non-Christians were struck by how thought-provoking the questions that we asked actually were. A lot of them had to reconsider the ways that they thought about life. This is good, because this allows space for God to work in them. There were students who gave their lives to the Lord for the first time, and a lot who re-affirmed their faith in Jesus Christ. Many Christians who we spoke to were challenged because we were answering deep questions of the heart, which people usually struggle with for their whole lives. So we were able to strengthen them in their faith in God and encourage them to live for His glory, serving Him and putting him first even in their studies.

We can really praise God for such a good response from people on campus. And we can thank God for the many who gave their lives to him or were brought closer to God. This is the Lord's doing, and we should glorify him for it.

I think that I don't only speak for myself when I say that I was extremely blessed by being able to serve the Lord and share my faith with students on campus. It can be difficult at first, and it really causes me to think about where I stand with my Lord. But I am able to grow closer to Him and rely on His grace as he uses me as a witness and a testimony to many. I thank God for this amazing opportunity and pray that I will receive many more like it.

We can also pray that what happened over mission week goes far beyond mission week. We can pray for the seeds that were planted to really take root and that God would change the hearts and lives of students on campus. We can pray that Christians would be motivated to stand for what they believe and not be ashamed of the gospel, that we would be enabled to be an example to other students on campus. Pray that Christians would be encouraged to show the love of Jesus to those that don't know the Lord, that they might have faith in the God who sent them. Pray that we would continue to be salt and light on campus.

Your prayers and encouragement make a huge difference.

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