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chicago spring break.

Seeing lives changed in just 5 days in Chicago.

We had the opportunity to lead a team of 11 University of Dayton students and staff to join in on some of what God is currently doing in the city of Chicago.

We were able to minister to students at the University of Chicago (UIC) and Columbia University, both in downtown Chicago.

Our afternoons were spent initiating conversations with students at these universities; seeking to share the good news of Christ with those who were interested. At UIC Kristen saw two women pray to ask Jesus Christ to come into their lives!!! ***Praise God for Adriana and Liz and their new relationship with God!!!***

A day with Restoration Ministries.

One of the days in Chicago we spent the afternoon with a ministry called "Restoration Ministries".

Restoration Ministries is located on the very south side of the city; their mission is to bring the love of Jesus Christ into the lives of recovering drug-addicts, ex-criminals, lonely seniors, at-risk youth and families in need.

In our afternoon we were able to join their Thrift Store ministry (stocking & organizing items), which provides quality furniture, clothing, etc. to the underprivileged community. The Thrift Store also provides job training for community members with limited job experience and residence of the Harvey House and Tabitha House. These homes provide life-changing opportunities to recovering addicts who live there.

It was a privilege to serve along-side men and women whom God is transforming both on the inside and out.



photo above: Restoration Ministries Thrift Store



photo left: Katie & Julie talking with a student at Columbia

"I've been a christian for a long time, but this was the first time I've been able to share the gospel with someone else."

-David, UD sophomore

"My favorite part of the trip was the night we spent a few hours with a homeless man we randomly met one evening; buying him some food to eat, just spending time with him listening and laughing, and giving him our shoes and socks. It was a chance to really live out what the Bible speaks of in loving all people."

-Justin, UD junior

seniors.

A complete life-change in college.

We often speak about changed lives being a huge part of what God is doing through our ministry. So, I wanted to take a minute to highlight a senior who I (Scott) have had the privilege of seeing God transform right in front of my eyes over the past few years.

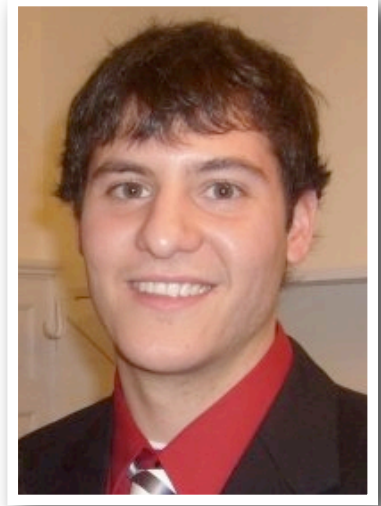
In a drunken rage his freshmen year Tony single-handedly knocked down the front door of a fraternity house. Filled with rage, hurt, and anger over a female friend Tony barreled into the house seeking to fight some of the men on the other side of the door.

A couple weeks after this incident Tony met a few men who were involved with Campus Crusade at Miami U. They befriended Tony and invited him to come to our winter conference in Indianapolis over the Christmas break. Not totally sure why at the time, Tony agreed to go and it was at this conference (Christmas Conference) that God began to grab a hold of Tony's heart and change him from the inside out.

It was at the conference that Tony, who had been to some christian meetings in high-school, really began to make Jesus the Lord of his life.

After the conference Tony got involved with some of our Bible studies on campus and began to meet with some students and staff one on one for discipleship. The more Tony surrendered his life to Jesus the more he changed and healed too.

This past year, as a senior, Tony's life could not have looked any different than his freshmen year. Tony was asked to be the student leader of our Greek Ministry on campus choosing now to pour out his life into the lives of numerous others, telling them about Jesus. **Tony has now gone back to the house where he had knocked down the front door in rage his first year on campus and knocked on that door to tell them about the love of Jesus which has changed his life and which can change theirs too.**



Tony.
A Christ-centered laborer sent to grad school at Miami University for education.



Shannon.
A Christ-centered laborer sent to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; researching Usher Syndrome in pediatrics



Sean.
A Christ-centered laborer sent to teach art to elementary students in inner city Cincinnati.



Allie.
A Christ-centered laborer sent to YouthWorks! as kids club staff.



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