

FEBRUARY/MARCH UPDATE

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AT VIRGINIA TECH

Returning from Maracaibo, VZ



Sharing on campus via an English club.

Hello again everyone, it's been a crazy two months as we prepared and went overseas to assist the Crusade team in Maracaibo, Venezuela. It was an amazing trip and a very encouraging experience as well. Our main focuses were to share the gospel on campus and work with the students already active within Crusade there in Venezuela.

Talking to people on campus was such a different experience than here at Tech. You can simply walk up to some students and talk to them and within a minute they'll say, "You're white, why are you here?" You just say, well we just want to tell you all about Jesus and most are eager to listen as well as invite their

friends over to partake in the discussion. During our time there, we saw 15-20 people accept Christ. It was incredible! This was a huge encouragement to ourselves as well as the Crusade staff working there. In Venezuela however, getting in touch with people again and following up



Our team at their weekly meeting.

with them is much more difficult than it is here. So please be praying for all the contacts that the Maracaibo team now has to work with.

The relationships on the trip were also great. First, it was so good to see my girlfriend Sydni again who has been working with Crusade there since September 1, 2009, and do ministry with her for over a week as well as catch up in our relationship. I also really enjoyed getting to know the team that went. We had a great time bonding during ministry as well as our time off at night and the few breathers we had during the day. Seeing them all grow in their relationship with Christ was such a blessing.



Prayer Requests:

- **John—That he would trust Christ with his salvation and struggles.**
- **Follow up in VZ— Many came to Christ there but following up is fairly difficult.**
- **April 16th— Comfort and peace for the older students as this day approaches.**
- **Missional Living— Effective change schedules for students and staff.**

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Seeing the Bible Study Grow

In the past two months many changes have occurred within our Bible study. Several of our guys have been inviting a lot of their friends out to study that were looking for spiritual guidance but hadn't gotten connected with anything yet and were really excited to find our Bible study. Through these invitations my co-leader and I have been able to reinforce many of the basic truths of the Bible including, the gospel message, the role of the Holy Spirit,



ing for me, but he still has a whole year ahead of him and now intellectually understands biblical Christianity. Adam, the other student, after much indecision decided that he definitely trusts Christ for his salvation and the basic beliefs of the Bible, and taken those as the most important truths of it. It

sharing your faith, and some other basic theology as we've continued going through the book of Acts this semester.

We've had several encouraging things happen with our guys in the past couple of months as well. Two of our guys (Josh and Ben) are going to be leading a Bible study next year on campus and one of the other guys has taken on a leadership role within the group of students that hosts a weekly

prayer meeting for freshmen and sophomores.

Two of the guys I've been asking for prayer have taken two different paths recently. The first, Shane, politely thanked me for educating him on what Christianity is all about but decided that firmly believing in God is just too big of a leap of faith for him to make right now. So for now he said he's going to be taking a break from Cru. This was a really discourag-

was really encouraging to see him finally make this decision and realize what the core of Christ's message really was.

Lastly, we've had a new guy named John start attending our study weekly. Jaded by the party scene and knowing little about the Bible or Christianity, he decided to seek out what truths are really reliable in life as he has gone through

a series of extremely difficult events recently. I've felt extremely blessed that he has confided in me much of what he's gone through recently and sought counsel from me regarding what path to take next. He's basically at a point now of deciding whether or not he's ready to trust Christ with everything including his struggles. Definitely be praying for John.

Prayer for April

In the first prayer letter, I mentioned that one of our big pushes as a team at Virginia Tech is to live missionally. Or to get our students to simply view all events in life as an integral process that's totally permeated by a relationship with Christ. So everywhere they go is a place to worship, and every relationship made is one that Christ can be shared in the context of.

Hopefully preparing students for the world outside of college where the gospel is shared through relationships at the workplace and less structured events.

To foster this change we're making a bold move and cancelling all of our events for the first two weeks of April to free up time in our students schedules to allow them to spend more time with their friends that aren't within the

Crusade bubble and spend a lot of time with God on their own. For us staff this means most of our routine schedule will be cancelled and we'll simply share the gospel more and work with students we don't know as well. Please be praying for us in April as this change will put a lot of students totally outside of what they're used to doing, and as we remember the tragedy of April 16th as well.

