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Our Vision is to See:

- Students & Faculty Transformed
- Campuses Renewed and
- World Chang-ers Developed

Across the state of Georgia!

Following Christ **Boldly** on Campus

When students study the Word of God they often notice, for the first time, how **bold** a witness they are called to be on campus. Giants of the faith in scripture teach us that when we say “yes” to Jesus, we sign up for serious adventure!

This fall Georgia InterVarsity students learned to share their faith boldly with peers through Proxe Station outreach. A Proxe Station is an interactive piece of art used in an open

air setting to inspire dialogue that leads to a gospel



Proxe Station Outreach @ Emory

presentation. Leaders at Georgia State created an opportunity for students to share their honest thoughts on religion, connecting

with students they might never talk with otherwise. UGA Greek students tackled the tough issue of child sex trafficking, presenting a Jesus who is determined to set the captives free. Emory students asked “What was your home like?”, “How have you been broken?”, “Do you know Christ longs to heal and restore you?”. One Emory student said, **“This was great! I have learned so much about sharing my faith!”**

Haiti Trip Opens Eyes to Poverty

Every year students from the Southeast Region embark on a Global Project to Neply, Haiti to help bring running water to an impoverished village. Without fail, every year students are changed forever by what they experience. Patrick Williams, 2009 Haiti Global Project participant

says of his trip, **“What I learned is God has blessed me and I must do something with the resources He has given me.”** This holiday season Patrick is filling shoe boxes to send to Neply. If you would like to help, the boxes must be sent to New Missions in Florida

(www.shoeboxdrive.com/) by December 18th.

“People should definitely put a box together. It can be done so easily, and can really make a huge difference.” - Patrick Williams

An Emerging Leader at Tech



ACF Cynthia Pictured far right

Written by Roger Lam, Georgia Tech Campus Minister

Cynthia came to Asian Christian Fellowship (ACF) as a quiet freshman who loved the Lord, but had very little leadership experience. I saw a lot of potential in her, but she had no confidence in her gifts and abilities. In May, Cynthia attended Chapter Camp at Sharp-top Cove and went through the Small Group Leaders' track. Though she didn't necessarily have

the intention of leading a small group in the fall, she knew that the track would be a great resource for her own biblical studies. The week at Camp ended up being an amazing experience, as she learned a great deal through Inductive Bible Study. She made a commitment to lead a Small Group on campus at the end of Camp!

This semester, Cynthia has led a group of students through the book of

Ephesians, teaching her peers to study the Scriptures inductively. She's been doing such a good job that her small group has grown to over 10 members! It's been such a blessing to see this shy, unconfident girl be **transformed by God into a teacher and mentor**, confident and convicted by the Word and teaching others how to study it for themselves. This is why I love what I do!

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Jo Boling, UGA Alumna and Greek InterVarsity Volunteer



Why Greek InterVarsity Matters to Me

Written by Jo Boling, UGA Alumna class of 2007

I graduated from the University of Georgia in 2007. I was involved in my sorority, but honestly never became involved in a campus ministry. I had a church I attended, and belonged to several small groups with Greeks and

non-Greeks. I’m still living and working in Athens, and had been praying for a way to connect with college students. One day P.F., the Greek InterVarsity Staff worker at UGA, sat next to me at church and became the answer to my prayer. We became good friends, but I also became involved with Greek InterVarsity. I love the students, and

recently had the opportunity to speak about my personal experience with an eating disorder. **I am forever grateful for that opportunity, and hope that at least one life was saved from my speech.** I can’t wait to see what God has in store for my role with UGA’s Greek InterVarsity next year!

Praising the Lord on Halloween @ the AUC



Esther's Circle, Maya third from left on second row

their annual "Pancakes & Prayer" event. The aim was to provide a positive alternative for students on the evening of Halloween, for fellowship and worship as a corporate student body. Spelman College along with

Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University students were able to participate in many forms of praise. Students were involved with praise & worship, singing with the student-run band, and engaging with praise dancers from Esther's Circle. **The event definitely brought in the praise!**

Written by Maya Williams, Spelman College 2010

On October 31st Esther's Circle (InterVarsity Chapter at Spelman College) hosted

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Ms. Angela Wood, one of the faculty advisors for Esther's Circle provided a sermon about fully living our lives for God. In addition to having a high spirit within the event, we also took prayer requests for the attendees. Students expressed that they felt "such a release" at the event and proposed to have the event again next semester!

Esther's Circle is a student-led group which stands for three pillars: Identity, Virtue, and Sisterhood. Our mission is to bring Christian awareness to the Atlanta University Center (AUC). One of our sophomore leaders, Elizabeth Pollard, says of her experience serving on the leadership team, *God removed me from my comfort*

zone and forced me to experience emotions that I previously rejected and to enter into a level of forgiveness that I was not accustomed to. Throughout this growing process, my communication with God became clearer and much stronger, as did my convictions.

We're excited for another great semester in the spring!

Learning to Sabbath with GA State Students

Written by Nick Johnson, Georgia State Campus Minister

Time and time again, every time I ask students (really anyone for that matter!) how they're doing the typical answer is 'tired' or 'busy'.

Through Scripture this semester it seemed like God was challenging us to practice the Sabbath. There has to be some way to be obedient to God's command to take one day a week as a Sabbath rest. But what does that

really mean? Recently, fifteen of us gathered from 9:30 am to 6 pm on a Sunday at my home to try and figure it out.



GA State Students on campus

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The Georgia InterVarsity team is fortunate to stand on the shoulders of faithful community members whose prayers, service, and giving make our ministry possible. We are thrilled with what the Lord is enabling us to do on campuses in Georgia! Yet, our hearts stir with a passion for more students to be transformed, more campuses renewed, and more world changers developed.

Would you consider a year-end gift to help expand Georgia InterVarsity in both impact and scope? We appreciate your prayerful consideration and generosity!



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The day was guided by group meals, praying the daily office, time alone reflecting, and time together playing all sorts of different games. Three attitudes we focused on were ceasing, seeing, and celebrating. By ceasing from those things that distract us we open up ourselves to God and see Him more clearly. We began our Sabbath by placing our cell phones, iPods, computers, calendars, and even wallets in a 'Sabbath Box.' **I know a whole day without cell phones sounds impossible. But we did it.** We sur-

vived! The world kept spinning. In addition we took the first two hours in silence with God. We celebrated the end of the day with the Jewish practice of Havdalah. We passed around some fine chocolate, each sharing their favorite part of the Sabbath, followed by eating the chocolate. In this we remember the sweetness of the Sabbath as we enter into the week.

Students later shared how they never knew Sabbath could be so full and enriching. I think common perceptions of Sabbath involving a lack of anything fun or truly restful. Though Liz and I have strug-

gled as of late making this a regular practice in our lives, I know from previous experiences that when we take time away from the craziness of life to cease, see, and celebrate our lives are made richer and Jesus is glorified. I pray that we would each recapture the Sabbath in our lives!

To learn more about what Nick is doing at Georgia State University, visit their blog at: georgiastateiv.wordpress.com

