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This Month's Prayer Needs:

-- passion and leadership skills in the 6 students from Western PA going on Summer Projects

--fruitful outreaches & conversations had with coworkers and others met on these projects

--Jason, Maria, and Jayson-- three new Western PA staff who will be training this month in Colorado

"sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence..."
(1 Peter 3:15)

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A year ago already?

A hopeless romantic, I am plagued often by warm waves of nostalgia. Just over a year ago, I was boarding a plane to Atlanta where I would spend a memorable nine weeks living, growing and reaching out with 11 other students and 9 staff.

One particular afternoon I recall spending at our community pool after a long week at my photo lab job, making conversation with a young man of about 19 who had been looking pensive for over an hour.

He introduced himself as "D." and told of his homesickness for family in Wisconsin, as he had been having a rough summer staying there with his cousin. As small talk died down, I prayed silently for wisdom and found myself asking if I could share something with him...

A message for a message...

We all reached new milestones of faith that summer in learning to permeate the spiritual lives of those around us. But when Susan came back to project from a brief vacation with her family, we knew that God was producing a life-long skill.

Being challenged daily by a babysitting job and nightly by intense Bible studies, outreach opportunities and 3 talkative roommates, Susan thought a professional massage would be a good way to escape conversation and relax for just an hour.

But as the older woman dug into her back, the Holy Spirit dug into Susan's heart to make the most of the small talk anyway. Conversation went from Susan's summer plans to the woman's own questions about God, and within an hour the sobbing woman had prayed with her to know Christ, Susan still in just a towel!

What's a "Summer Project" again?

This year, God will do similar things in these transformational communities in over 50 locations worldwide, where teams of between 20-80 students will engage in Bible study and plan events alongside 10-20 Campus Crusade staff members.

Students have the option to develop a financial and prayer support team, giving them greater ownership of the project and a chance to see God's direct provision.

I thank you for your investment in eternity on behalf of others like "D." who have come into relationship with our Lord through these steps of faith.

In Him,