

**This
Month's
Prayer
Needs:**

--the ability of other new staff and myself to report to our assignment soon

--freshmen and their decisions about who and what they will invest their time in this semester

--the young mother's continued growth in Christ and emotional healing

“Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

(Psalm 27:14)

'Tis the season...

For those who work in retail, the weeks surrounding Christmas can be the most demanding yet the most rewarding time of the entire year. In campus ministry, the weeks connecting August and September can be the equivalent.

Wanting to reconnect with the student leaders at Edinboro and knowing many would miss the crucial move-in day outreach because of other campus duties (RA's, etc), I drove up to be involved for the weekend.

To freshmen breaching foreign turf with cranky parents to receive a key to a 12' cement cell on the 7th floor they will share with a stranger, almost any support extended is well-received. Naturally, the first two weeks' outreaches and activities are responsible for most of a ministry's yearly numeric growth.

A birth and a rebirth...

Spiritual *depth*, however, happens any time, often out of unlikely circumstances, as one of my teammates reported to me last week.

At Slippery Rock University (where weekly attendance is again averaging 90-PRAISE GOD!), one student shared with a Campus Crusade friend that her 15-year-old sister had been tragically assaulted and had become pregnant.

The two committed to care for the young sister, scraping up funds and transportation for appointments out of their own (shallow) pockets, counseling to abortion alternatives, and praying. The healthy baby was born and adopted a few weeks ago, and just last week, the new mom came to know Christ as her savior!

On the homefront...

God is doing huge things in Western PA, not to mention in my life here at home, three hours away. But one thing that's been consistently hard for me lately is feeling like I'm on the sidelines. Even with the luxury of free off-hours phone time, fellowship is a difficult discipline and waiting on the Lord even harder.

As things continue to fall into place for me to join the team in Grove City, pray that the Lord would re-ignite my heart for the responsibilities I have here in the meantime—it's a ministry of its own, and our LORD is so faithful.

Thanks again so much for your partnership and prayers.

In Him,