

Western PA
OCT 21
2003

campus ministry

This Month's Prayer Needs:

--changed lives
at Fall Retreat
to extend to
others on
campus in spite
of mid-term
stress

--students'
discovery of
God's power in
new ways as
they gain a
heart for group
prayer

--continued
accountability
for a close
Christian friend
who had a
breakthrough
with a drug
addiction at the
retreat

"For You, Lord,
are good, and
ready to forgive,
And abundant in
mercy to all
those who call
upon You."

(Psalm 86:5)

Carrie Leonard
Campus Crusade for Christ
carrie.leonard@uscm.org
(717)-589-3267

Close Quarters...

For those praying that I would feel connected to the students again, it's funny what 2 nights in a cabin of 12 and 7 hours in a car can do. As I trekked with the Edinboro students to Fall Retreat, I prayed the Lord would have access to hearts.

Returning from the first night's session with Regional Director David Moles, we found our cabin without heat. After minor repairs, the wood stove was finally functioning (of course, so was the smoke alarm, which announced itself nightly).

Praying Out of the Box...

Saturday included more from David, a panel discussion (and elbow tag) with just the ladies, and a concert of prayer. Judging from student feedback, the intensity of this prayer and worship time had much to do with an exercise done just prior.

In small groups, we were challenged to pray aloud for each other in non-traditional ways (thank God for things starting with "P," keep eyes open, etc.).

As James introduced himself to our group of 5, I knew him only as the redhead from Slippery Rock who had beaten me in a 1 a.m. spades match the night before. He opted to pray silently, having never prayed out loud before.

Beyond Camp Sequanota...

Sunday morning, students from 8 catalytic schools (all but Indiana University of PA, which has their own staff team) crammed into the lounge for a wrap-up time, everyone looking more glazed over than the donuts we had for breakfast.

Expecting responses of what was learned to be slow at first, I was surprised to hear two Edinboro guys pipe up immediately. Apparently the spirit they exhibited by spending most of the weekend in kilts was more than school spirit.

Countless others followed, brainstorming how to use the new sense of community and excitement to reach the unsaved on each campus. As the group closed in prayer, I choked up as James offered a heartfelt prayer to His Lord in front of over 70 students and staff.

Praise God for what you all have made possible!

In Him,

Carrie