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This Month's Prayer Needs:

--growth and follow up for the new and not-quite-yet believers at Indiana Univ. of PA and Penn State!

--students to attend the D.C. Christmas Conference in spite of jobs and issues of transportation

--leadership and direction for an emerging African American ministry at Edinboro Univ.

"But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, some a hundred..."

(Mark 4:8)

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Birthday Season...

November seems to be the month for birthdays (mine included). As I'm nearing the home stretch in building my team of partners, the thought that fuels me most is knowing that next year this time, a number of PA students will be celebrating their first year knowing Jesus.

Last month, I shared about Western PA's great Fall Retreat turnout, mostly from the catalytic (student-led) schools I'll be working with, but not much about the hosting staffed campus, Indiana University of Pennsylvania...

IUP...

C. S. Lewis reminded us we will never speak to a "mere mortal." We're always, to some degree, helping other immortals to one or the other of two destinations.

One freshman at IUP got this, as she shared her faith with a roommate who went home and helped her uncle receive Christ the same weekend! One IUP staff says, "God's doing all the work and we're just hanging on for the ride."

Apparently so. Students have even interrupted staff speaking to ask how to fix the problem of sin in their lives. Even before the Fall Retreat, over 25 students had come to the Lord through one-on-one conversations with staff and students!

PSU...

A little further east lies a bigger campus, also with its own staff team, two of whom happened upon three Penn State freshmen out for a smoke break. One hour and four students later, the conversation had progressed from a casual spiritual interest survey to an in-depth group discussion about Jesus.

Even Billy, who had been listening with a smirk, asked sincerely how it was possible for Jesus to pay the death penalty for so many people's sins. Within a week, the first Geary Hall Bible Study was underway, starting out of the blue with these seemingly unlikely candidates.

You can also check out www.campusstories.org for more details of how God is using your partnership. Thanks again!

In Him,