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## This Month's Prayer Needs:

--Jayson as he continues to raise support to report to the team

--my transition to a new phase of relationship with him-- I accepted his proposal for marriage on Valentines Day!

--Edinboro CCC & their student pres. Jay, who goes to serve the country in Afghanistan March 15

--next week's "Big Break" conference, where students are challenged to share their faith with peers

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

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## Decoding...

"You would make a good interviewer." Nearly the first words out of her all night, this was the highest compliment from Jen, the quiet, insightful observer. Having driven almost 3 hours to get the car-less Edinboro students to our monthly leaders' "feast," I wanted to glean anything I could from the time with them, even in the car. Apparently it was working.

Having finally settled in after a week away at conferences, my director's assignment was to "decode" the campuses here, particularly the women. In other words, to meet the needs of students, I would first have to uncover them. What's the personality of each campus? Demographics? Spiritual climate?

## Modeling...

If I've learned anything from my director Michael, it's the art of asking well-placed questions. Last week, I watched him model how to "decode" a person as a young man in Taco Bell overheard and joined our conversation. By practicing purposeful questions and faith, the Spirit helped him to lead the man to Christ that day, and model the same to his friends.

Christ modeled tons of stuff for His disciples—prayer, ministry, relationships. It's unarguably one of the best ways to multiply and equip believers. But now I'm responsible to model things to student leaders that *I* still find challenging—initiating conversation with strangers, discipling students, etc.

## Abiding...

But the most challenging part of my job so far is knowing the most strategic place to invest my time, balancing lost students with under-coached student leaders with my own training time. I've joked that a 9 to 5 job would kill me; now there is a danger of killing *myself* because there are always needs to be met.

Praise God that Jason and Maria Weimer will be joining our team next week! Pray that we will faithfully abide in Christ, rather than busy ourselves with worthwhile tasks in our own strength. Regardless of the needs, apart from Him we can truly do nothing fruitful.

In Him,

P.S.-- If you haven't met Jayson yet, you can get to know him a little better on his personal staff website... <http://www.Whelpley.tk>