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...When you're having fun.

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Hey! Remember us? If you've forgotten about us I don't blame you; it's probably been a while since you've heard from us. Year number two began in full stride the last week of August and hasn't slowed down much – *and there are great things happening!*

So far this semester, we've seen student leaders surprise us at Edinboro with wisdom beyond their years, a movement launched at Penn State Behrend, a strong community taking root at Clarion, and a new (and unlikely) door opened in downtown Erie. We've been busy because God has been busy – some weeks we see about 12 hours of the inside of our Chevy Lumina traveling 4 days a week to coach students that God is using to reach their peers teaching them how to bring someone to Christ and help them start on their new journey with Him.

Church... in a dance-club?

Six nights a week all kind of sin is rampant at the Cellblock, the newest bar/dance club in downtown Erie whose parent club is an old stockade in Williamsport. Sunday nights (thanks to PA's liquor laws) the club has been closed, but now something new is happening – the Gathering, Erie. The Gathering is the young adult ministry of McLane Church in Edinboro; Carrie and I were blessed by it and the pastor who began it 6 years ago in an old movie theatre. Andy Kerr (now a close friend of ours) has kept a vision for something similar just north in Erie for almost as long. Talking with others in the area, he discovered a need for something different to reach out to the young adults there. Meanwhile, we were struggling to find how to reach the two schools in Erie whose doors had been closed to us.

October 8th began a new chapter for Andy, McLane Church and us. With the owners of the Cellblock willing to rent it out and the details in place the Gathering Erie has launched! Carrie and I are still figuring out how we and Campus Crusade fit into this partnership – at this point we are the on campus presence on Penn State Behrend. But we still have a heart to bring the Gospel to the other searching college students in Erie, including those who would never come to a traditional "ministry meeting," but might be willing to come out to a club and see what's going on Sunday nights.

The Vortex...

As college students at Edinboro University, our friends always joked that Edinboro has some sort of gravitational pull because no one ever seemed to be able to leave for good. People would graduate and go to California, Chicago, Kentucky and everywhere else swearing they would *never* move back to Edinboro's nasty winters... yet, each year you'd see people around town you thought you'd never see again. At our graduation, the University president even pounded the podium saying, "You will never leave this place!" (He was referring to the EUP 'Family', but it was still a little odd.)

All that to say, we're looking at moving back to the Edinboro area. As the needs on different campuses are becoming evident, so is the need for us to focus our energy. Sometime this between February and May we'll be packing ourselves up and heading about an hour north. We'll be sad to leave Clarion to someone else on our team, but we're excited to be able to pour into the north-western

corner of PA more effectively. Please pray for everything that the move will entail, from ministry transition to living arrangements and practical details. Thanks again for all your prayers and partnership!

Grace & Peace,

Jayson & Carrie

PS - If you're curious to see more details from last semester's spring break trip to New Orleans, check out the video clip from CNN on www.whelpley.org.

- Pray for our schedule, that we would find the healthy balance of on-campus work, phone coaching and rest.
- Pray that students and other young adults in Erie will be drawn near to God through the Erie version of the Gathering & the details of our partnership would become clearer.
- Pray that the newly re-established movement at Behrend would become firmly established in Christ and effective in outreach.

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