



# CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

## WESTERN PA CATALYTIC

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## Super!

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I finally did it! This year, I (Carrie) made it through an entire Christmas Conference without sickness or bad weather! For those who are unacquainted with the liturgy of a Campus Crusade December, every year between Christmas and New Year's Day, our team rounds up a group of students (almost 50 this year) to travel to the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA to gather with students (more than 600) from colleges all over the five-state Mid-Atlantic region. Attendance – both from Western PA and total students – was higher this year than it's ever been!

During the 5 days of the conference (this year themed "Radiate"), I wouldn't be surprised if rumors started that Jayson & I might be the same person, as hard as it was hard to catch us in the same room. While neither of us have x-ray vision or a cape (yet), Jayson gets credit for being the "Superman," as he put in countless hours with the tech team running the light board for all of the sessions, concerts and even the New Year's Eve after-party. I was more of the Clark Kent, working in the conference office and running miscellaneous errands. (If you check out our website, you can even see me in some nerdy glasses!)

## Falling in like...

Despite the obligatory chaos of staffing the conference, we do get time to spend with the students, too. My personal highlight of the week was a late-night hang out with the five girls who came from Edinboro. When I walked into the room, conversation was already lively, or at least words were flowing. Most of them were from a verbal processor I'll call Ashlyn, who was seated atop the room's huge TV console, chattering in stream-of-consciousness style:

*"I've always loved God, you know, kind of like you love your mom, but I haven't always liked Him - You know sometimes you get ticked off at your mom... Like sometimes I get ticked off at God, usually because I'm trying to follow Ashlyn plans instead of His... But tonight for the first time in a long time, I really like Him... I feel like my life has purpose... I just really like Him!"*

Moved out of her comfort zone by the speaker and the Spirit, she had taken full advantage of another staff woman's offer to pray with her after the evening session and was obviously on cloud nine.

Late nights usually do make for the most honest processing time. The previous night's Women's Time speaker, staff member Millie Welsh, had shared some pretty candid truth and kicked us in the pants about pursuing accountability, community, and lives of purity, and eventually the conversation came back to that. What a privilege to see this small group of women bring some of their deepest junk out into the light, several confessing things out loud for the first time ever!

## The Effects

So many great things are flowing out of what God started there; One Western PA student shared that he prayed out loud and dug into the Bible on his own for the first time, another came home with a vision to launch a movement with the international students on her campus, another sensed confirmation of a call into full-time ministry. Thanks again for your partnership in what God is doing here!

- Continue to pray for Adam from our November letter & his ongoing post-Christmas-Conference growth.
- Pray that the students' vulnerability from the conference will continue with accountability, prayer, and victory over sin.
- Pray for our upcoming move back to the Edinboro area this summer – especially that God would give us wisdom in housing decisions.
- Pray for the health of our team during the winter months!

Grace & peace,

PS – Since our last newsletter, we've received a handful of requests to be removed from our mailing list that didn't have a name or return address, so if you're still getting mail from us that you'd rather not, no problem. Just drop us another note (with your name ☺) in the mail or through email & let us know.

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