



THE BRANDT BULLETIN

Chicago Metro Campus Crusade For Christ

Nothing excites us more in ministry than God changing the life of a college student! Sometimes it's a student coming into a relationship with God, others times it is God moving in the life of a student and leading them into a much more abundant life in him than they were previously experiencing. This later was the case for Nora, a member of the Track and Cross Country teams, and a student leader of the newly formed Athletes in Action (the athletic ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ) ministry at Benedictine University. We took Nora and a football player named Devin to the AIA winter retreat in Ohio earlier this month. This is what was posted on Nora's Facebook (a social networking website that nearly every college student uses on a daily basis) page a few hours upon our return to Chicago:



Nora and Devin with us at the AIA Retreat in Xenia, Ohio.

"On the weekend of Feb 8-10 I attended an Athletes in Action Conference (a group for Christian athletes) and it really had a profound influence on me. I have realized that I have been yearning for a relationship with Christ and that nothing in this world can satisfy that need beside HIM. As a result of this decision, I have made a few long-term commitments in an effort to completely turn my life around... that is I want to honor God with all of my actions. SO! In an effort to seek God, I will be needing more time, so, sadly, Facebook has to go, so I won't be on until the end of lent. This is just one among many other little resolutions that I have decided to partake in, and it's going to be the hardest time of my life (not Facebook, I am also waiting until I'm 21 to consume alcohol and not going to date at all for one calendar year... YIKES! I need to fix things in myself and be right with God before I can pursue anything beyond that). Well anyway, email me if you need to get a hold of me and I would love to talk to you if you have any questions for me! I Love you all! See you after Easter!!"

The Athletes in Action group at Benedictine was formed just this winter. In the fall Andy arranged a meeting with the school's football coach after hearing rumors that he wanted to start a group for Christian athletes. He put us in touch with several students who were interested in getting the group going and we launched in January. Ten to fifteen students have been attending the weekly bible study. Having AIA along with the Cru group is giving us a much wider platform to reach this campus with the Gospel!

We're excited to see the steps of faith and obedience that Nora wants to take. And we're excited to be able to walk with her as she trusts the Lord to grow further. Amy is going to be getting together with her weekly to talk and pray and encourage her as she lives this abundant life.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in ministry!

With Jesus' Love,

Prayer Requests

- 1) March will see students coming to Chicago on spring break trips. Over 200 will spend one day on our campuses sharing their faith. Another 25 will spend their entire Spring Break on campuses seeking to start new movements. Please Pray for Chicago students to come into to faith in Christ and for new movements to be launched at St. Xavier University and Robert Morris College.
- 2) About 50 students from Chicago will be traveling to Panama City Beach Florida for the Big Break Conference over the last two weeks in March. There they will be sharing their faith with students on the beach. Please pray that they would see fruit from stepping out in faith to share the Gospel with their peers on Spring Break.