

A.C.T. NEWS

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The Tale of The Hot Dog

OK. It's not really about a hot dog. It's really about giving hot dogs away and having an opportunity to share the love of Christ with someone. Our food giveaways at B.G. are just that... An opportunity to show the love of Christ in a tangible way... A hot dog.

It was at our September food give-away that it happened. We had so many opportunities to share with people it was amazing to watch. Many of the students, returning from the bars downtown, not only stopped for the free food, but ended up going into the house and sitting down and talking with us about God, and church and a myriad of other topics.

What a training ground this is for the soldiers of the Lord's army. The opportunity to talk

to people who need what Christ has to offer but are turned off by normal "church stuff" or by kindness with strings attached. (Like pizza if you'll come to our meetings and such.)

We overheard many conversations amongst those whom we were trying to serve. Many of them dealt with things that we wouldn't print, but more and more, we hear talk of religion and spirituality. One conversation in particular struck us as we heard the young man say "These are the nicest people I've ever met..."

Whenever we wonder if this ministry is really worth it, we've decided that we are going to set up the grills and by the end of the evening, we'll once again be convinced of the value of campus ministry.

When we get to share with someone the love of God, and we see them start to evaluate how they are living their lives in the light of that love, we know that this ministry is worth it. When we see students that have been part of the ministry for a while spending time and effort with one of "those" people from the bar, we know that this ministry is worth it. When we have the opportunity to watch someone's face as we tell them that God loves them and that we are here for them, we know that this ministry is worth it. When we have the opportunity to share the plan of salvation and redemption with someone who has never taken it seriously before, we know that this ministry is worth it.

A.C.T. Interns

For the past three years, A.C.T. has had an internship program. We've tried a variety of different programs with each of the intern's and each has been successful in its own way. This year, we are fortunate to have two interns: Bryan Hopper and Janet Hurni.

Bryan was a part of A.C.T. last year and wanted to learn a little more about what ministry is really like. He has been a Christian for a long while, and has always been involved in his church at home.

Bryan has been a big help to the ministry in a lot of different ways. He has taken on several maintenance projects that needed to be done. He is involved in leading a Men's Bible study and is a part of the worship team as well. He has been a positive influence on the students and we are convinced that he will continue to be.

Janet was a part of A.C.T. during her four years at B.G.S.U. She also has been a Christian for a long while and was highly involved in her local church.

Janet came to us wanting to work primarily with the women of A.C.T. She has begun a one-on-one discipling program for the girls, as well as leading a Dorm Bible study. She also travels to U.T. to lead an outreach Bible study at the campus house.

With these two interns, many ministries are happening that could not have happened if they were not here. Please take the time to thank God for Bryan and Janet and the work that they are doing through the ministry of A.C.T.

What Can You Do?

- Pray for us!!!
- Become an A.C.T. Prayer Partner
- Send us names and addresses of students.
- Partner with us for a special outreach event on campus such as the food giveaways or tailgate parties.
- Invite us to your church to share A.C.T.'s ministry.

Upcoming Visits

Oct. 8:
Central CC,
Toledo

Oct. 15:
COC
Farmer

Oct. 19:
COC
Weston

Oct. 22:
First CC,
Sandusky

Nov. 12:
Rousculp COC,
Lima

Nov. 17:
Garden Park,
Toledo
Worship Experience

Nov. 19:
First COC,
Bryan

Nov. 19:
Youth Rally
Bryan

Let us know if you have anything that we could help you with and we'll be glad to work with you whatever the event.

Until The Next Time

It's starting to look like the book of Acts at the Toledo Campus House. (Not literally, but at least that what seems to be going on.)

Each Sunday night, several students gather and we share a meal together. Around the table in the dining room, many conversations take place about a wide range of topics. Friendships are formed and strengthened and God is brought into the everyday of our existence.

After a meal for the body, comes a meal for the soul. Sometimes we will share in a time of worship by singing and praising God with our voices. But we always share our

prayer requests with each other and with God. Listening to someone pray for a request that you just made is a humbling experience and one that truly shows depth of caring and concern.

Then, we come to the reason for the meeting. We read a passage of scripture, and then talk about what it means and what a difference it would make if we followed its teaching. Generally, the passage will also deal with the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf, and that leads us into a time of communion with God and with each other around the Lord's table.

It is this time that several of us wait for each week. It doesn't become "stale" or "old" as some would have us believe. It is a time when we can, with each other, remember what Jesus did for us, and look toward that time when we will see Jesus face to face and share this meal with Him.

Sunday nights may never be the same. We walk away from that table, not only fed physically, but spiritually as well. We walk away from that table not only knowing each other better, but knowing our Lord and Savior better too. And we walk away from that table looking forward to the next time...wherever it may be.

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Touching The Father's Heart

A.C.T. has a worship band that is really first class. They have led the worship for the Ohio Christian Campus Ministries' winter retreat for the past three years and have been asked to lead at several other functions around the area.

While the main focus of the band is contemporary praise and worship music, they also do a mix of hymns and familiar choruses. As a matter of fact, three of the most favorite songs at A.C.T. continue to be "Holy, Holy, Holy", "Amazing Grace", and just

recently added "In The Garden". Of course, even these are performed with our usual guitars, bass guitar and drums.

If you're looking for a worship band for a church function, a youth rally, a retreat, or just to expand the horizons of your congregation's worship, contact us. We'll be glad to work with you and would love to be able to plan a meaningful and appropriate time of worship for your congregation or special event.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	-2461.53
Monthly Income	20886.83
Monthly Expenses	9405.38
Ending Balance	9019.92
YTD against Budget	-5612.74

For August 2000

Although Aug. was a great month, Sept. looks as though it will be another very short month. Please keep A.C.T.'s fi-