

A.C.T. NEWS

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The Story of One Small Bible Study

What started as a Supper Bible study for 4 people has changed drastically over the past couple of weeks.

It all began when 3 young ladies from B.G. asked one of the student leaders to teach them about what was going to happen in the end times. They had been reading the Left Behind series, and wanted to know what the Bible had to say about that topic. So they began studying.

It was almost the end of the first semester. They were just about finished with their study of the end times and were discussing what they would like to study next. One of them brought up the idea of studying Christian Evidences, or Apologetics. The young man leading the study was all for that, as it was one of his strongest areas and he had already done a lot of research about that topic. But none of them were really prepared for what God did next.

They switched the night of that they were meeting on to Tuesday, and moved the study from an apartment to the campus house. They opened up the study to anyone who wanted to come. And come, they did.

The first night of the new study, there were 15 people there. That, in and of itself, is not so unusual. But what was unusual was the fact that of the 15, at least 7 were non-Christian. As a matter of fact, they didn't even have a Bible to use for the study.

We gave them each a Bible, and right away, they began to use them. They were looking up passages, reading out loud and discussing what each passage meant to Christianity. They also were given homework each week, not only from the Bible, but also from "The Case For Christ", and "The Case For Faith", both books by Lee Strobel. Each week they returned, ready to discuss

what they have read, and how it supports Christianity. And then, God continued to work His plan through this group.

It was discovered that there were several other people, friends of some of those attending this study, who wanted to attend but the Tuesday night time slot just didn't fit their schedules. So, just this past Wednesday, another study began with different students but the same material: The Bible and the evidence that Christianity is what it claims to be and that Jesus was and is who He claimed to be.

Keep this group in your prayers. They are reaching into the University community in a way that is so desperately needed. They have the opportunity to reach students who have never heard the truth about Jesus, and they are finding people eager to listen.

Praise The Lord!

Over the past few weeks, we have had the privilege of witnessing several of our students being obedient to Christ in baptism. Please pray for these students as they begin a new phase in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

And don't forget to pray for the rest of the students as well. Prayer really is the key to the success of our ministry and you can be a part of that ministry through your prayer support. Thank you for remembering us as you go to the Father.

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.
- Have an A.C.T. day at your church.
- Use A.C.T.'s worship band for a special event at your church like a youth rally or a Saturday Evening worship time.

Now Scheduling Church Visits

We are currently in the process of setting up church visits for the fall of 2001. There are a few dates left for this spring. If you would like A.C.T. to come and talk to your Sunday School, present a drama for a special program, lead in a worship service or present the work that we are currently doing, now is the time to set up that date. 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.

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U.T.'s Social Justice Fair

Why is it that when you are seeking to follow God, you end up in some really unusual and interesting places.

We had been looking for a way to get the word out about A.C.T. at U.T. for some time. It seemed that we just ran into a brick wall. But God always has something planned. We just have to be willing to wait on Him and follow Him into those interesting places.

The interesting place that He is taking us is getting involved in a social justice program at U. T. We were contacted

by the group that is organizing a "fair" of sorts dealing with responses to social issues (the homeless, crisis pregnancy, AIDS, the poor, racism, injustice, and many other topics). They are asking groups to put up booths talking about how to respond to those social issues and promoting solutions to those problems. We thought this was a natural match, since we, as Christians, have the solution to those problems... Jesus.

Through a series of conversations, we have shared with the organizers that

we were interested in becoming involved, but that they needed to understand that we would be coming from a Christian perspective on the issues. They understood and wanted us to be involved.

We will definitely stand out from the rest of the organizations who are participating and even more so, because we will probably be the only religious group there. Pray for us as we make a bold statement about the love of Jesus during the activities.

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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.

Thank You!

We just wanted to say a special thank you to those of you who are part of our Prayer Warrior team. Currently, there are 49 families of individuals who have committed to pray for us daily. They receive a list of prayer requests each month, and a short update on the latest prayer requests. Interested? Let us know. We send out the list both through E-Mail and Postal Mail. Send us the information we need, and we'll get you on the list too.