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Haiti Trips Show God Working In Many Ways

A.C.T. actually took two trips to Haiti this summer. One right after school was out and one in early July. Below is a brief account of what took place on each of the trips and how God, once again, used these trips to not only reach people in Haiti, but to change the lives of those on the trip as well.

Thirteen of us met at the airport in Toledo at 5:30 am on Friday, May 17, to begin our annual journey to Haiti. We were headed to Port de Paix, Haiti to work with the Lashbrook family at the "In the Father's Hands" Orphanage. For the next nine days, we were ready to do whatever God wanted of us. As usual, God had some surprises to add to the ministries we went prepared to do.

Our group carried out two separate Vacation Bible Schools. The morning VBS was held at the orphanage with the neighborhood children and children from the church joining the orphans. The theme was the "Life of Christ". The second school was held about a 30-minute drive from the orphanage. Keith Lashbrook, the local missionary, had visited there a several weeks earlier hunting for water. The people there had made the comment that no Americans had ever visited there to minister with them. Keith made a promise that he would return. Were the people ever surprised when we arrived! The first thing they said was, "We thought you would never be back". It was such a social event that it seemed like everyone in the village came. Two little schools dismissed classes while we were there to have the students come. The number of participants rose to nearly two hundred by the last day.

Beyond these two scheduled events, the other opportunities of ministry were unexpected. Most of the group traveled up into the mountains to visit a church, school, and orphanage run by a friend of the Lashbrooks. They visited church members, toured the orphanage (a one room hut with a mattress on the floor), and held a VBS. The group returned humbled and grateful after seeing the conditions in which some people live. The Lashbrooks are helping to provide food for the orphanage and trying to find sponsors in the U.S. for the children.

We were able to give the Lashbrook family a break as we cared the orphans during meal times and various other times. We were also able to help the new minister at the local church to get settled in and help with a revival the last couple of nights at the church.

We also had to begin the preparation for the second A.C.T. trip in July that was to be a Christian basketball camp. We laid out the plans for the basketball court that had to be built as well as made plans for the camp itself.

While we were there, some old friends from St. Louis du Nord visited Dave. The wife's sister had died and left six kids. Dave's friends were unable to take care of them and asked if the orphanage could take them. The orphanage only had room for two additional boys. The day we left we had the opportunity to be there when Franson and Leopaul arrived. We could not help but wonder if these two frightened, sad little boys (especially Leopaul) would make it.

The day to leave Port de Paix came, and we left with only eleven of the original thirteen. Joe Spencer and Beverly Morse had made arrangements with the Lashbrooks to stay down for a few extra weeks.

It seemed as though we just got back from one trip, and we were returning to Port de Paix, Haiti with twenty-one people. This time we were holding a basketball camp. Several missionaries have told us that to their knowledge that this was the first of its kind in Haiti. We brought in all of the equipment need for a basketball camp including over fifty basketballs, as well as, four high school basketball players, two college students with basketball experience, and two former coaches to run the camp. We held two camps each day with each camp having twenty-eight campers. We specifically chose teenagers who were not being helped by any other mission group. Some came barefoot while others wore sandals. Some arrived wearing worn out dress shoes and others in work boots without shoestrings. There were those in tennis shoes with the toes cut out because the feet were too big for the shoes. All arrived with a desire to learn more about basketball.

On the first day, the campers shared in the dedication service the new basketball court where we committed the court to God. Each day the campers shared in a Biblical lesson by one of the coaching staff. We wanted them to know that we were there because we loved God, we loved them, and we wanted them to know the love of God.

We also had classes for the children who came to watch the basketball camp as well as a class for women (girls and mothers who came to watch the camp as well women from the neighborhood and the local church).

The highlight of the camp was the last day. We brought all of

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the campers together for a tournament. We surprised them with a big meal at noon. At the end of the tournament, we presented each camper with a basketball medallion and the winners of the tournament received medals. The local church is going to keep the basketball program going as an outreach into the community. They want us to help find a Christian young man from the States who would be willing to raise money to move to Haiti as serve as an intern to help with this outreach through basketball program.

There was so much evidence of God's handiwork during this second trip. Those of us who had made the first trip were so happy to see how well the two new orphans were doing. They looked so healthy and happy. Leopaul never stopped smiling the whole time while we were there. He also received a sponsor while on this trip. All of the orphans enjoyed those on this trip. Some of them cried when we left.

Only a week before we left, we had a concern about the limited funds we would have to take with us. Many of the people going with us had a tough time raising the needed support. But it arrived. One person received a check for \$785.00 just a couple of days before departure. We ended up being able to cover all of the needed expenses. In addition, we were able to leave money with the Lashbrooks to build the necessary security around the new court, able to leave money to pay the medical expenses of a local minister who is very ill, pay the funeral expenses of a min-

ister who had a father and sister die within with seven days of one another, pay the rent for a family for a year, and help another good friend with money towards building his home. God was so good. It almost reminded you of Jesus' miracle of feeding of the 5000 with the five fish and two loaves.

We left Bowling Green with the report that there was no water available in Port de Paix. The day after we arrived, the orphanage received nineteen barrels of water, and we found a place in town where we could purchase all of the safe drinking we needed for the whole time while we were there.

The only difficulty on the trip was when we returned to the United States. Our travel agent did not allow enough time for us to get through Immigration and Customs. As a result, we missed all of our flights from Miami onto Toledo. God was able to find room for 12 standbys on a full flight from Miami to Atlanta, Find a flight from Atlanta to Cincinnati with sixty one empty seats, and find seven empty seats on a flight from Cincinnati to Toledo. The rest of us rented a car and drove home.

God did mighty things on this trip, both in the lives of those in Haiti and those who made the trips to Haiti. It is trips like these that make eternal impressions on the hearts and minds of A.C.T. students. These trips give us the opportunity to see God work out in the open rather than behind the doors that we often close so we can't see what He is doing.

Staff Changes Will Bring New Possibilities for Ministry

It wasn't very long ago that we told you about A.C.T.'s decision to hire a third staff member. For a several years now, the ministry of A.C.T. has been growing to a point where the current staff could not add any new ministries or services without something that was currently happening suffering. And since we believe that God is not interested in a ministry that just maintains, something had to be done. As the ministry was, the hours that were required were becoming increasingly difficult to handle and the ministry was approaching the place where growth was being hampered by the lack of time to train, administer and create student leaders for new areas of ministry.

After much discussion, it was decided, in the end, that the best course of action would be to hire a new staff member who's primary focus would be the U.T. campus. We are happy to announce that we have brought on staff, a new team member. Well, He's new to the staff position, but not to the ministry.

In July, Luke Gilkerson began as Active Christians Today's campus minister at the University of Toledo. You may remember that Luke was the Intern with A.C.T. for last school year. He is currently living in the campus house at U.T. with two other guys from the ministry.

Luke is a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a degree in Philosophy. He has already began working on his

Master in Divinity through some mail order courses and plans to continue his schooling in the future.

Luke brings to the ministry not only first hand knowledge of how a campus ministry works and the experience of his internship last year, but a real love for people and for reaching the lost for Christ. He has a personality that is attractive to people and a wisdom of how to make a connection with those people that he attracts. His Bible knowledge and his love for study are second only to his love for God and his concern for the lost.

He is on the constant lookout for new and innovative ways to make inroads into the university community. His "Simpson's Spirituality" course has opened doors to talking to some groups that are historically very difficult to get into. (See the U.T. report on page 4.)

You may wonder what has changed with the rest of the staff (Dave and Jeff) in light of this new staff position. Well, Dave's job hasn't changed much. He's still A.C.T.'s campus minister at Bowling Green State University. He is still in charge of the ministry that happens on that campus as well as being "dad" to the students... and counselor and friend, and confidant, and teacher and taxi driver and hamburger griller and whatever else is needed at the moment.

Something To Think About...

Ever wonder why the college campus is so important to the future of Christianity? In his book, *The Christian Critique of the University*, former UN Sec. General and Harvard PHD Charles Habib Malik writes this...

The university is a clear-cut fulcrum with which to move the world. The problem here is for the church to realize that no greater service can it render both itself and the cause of the gospel, with which it is entrusted, than to try to recapture the universities for Christ on whom they were all originally founded. One of the best ways of treating the macrocosm is through the handle of the universities in which millions of youths destined to positions of leadership spend, in rigorous training, between four and ten years of the most formative period of their life. More potently than by any other means, change the university and you change the world.

This means much more, however, than converting a student here and changing a professor there; such converting and changing, while necessary and while it must continue, is peripheral and rather pathetic when it comes to the real character and magnitude of the task; those who interpret the challenge of the university only in these terms miss the whole point; they are either not university graduates themselves, or, if they are, they failed to grasp the meaning of the phrase "the state of the mind and the spirit in the university as a whole"; the "wholeness" of university existence has escaped them.

It means, rather, responsible concern for the contents of the curriculum, how the curriculum came to be what it is, the kind of ideas, attitudes, fundamental interpretation of history and society and man and morals and destiny and being it imparts; it means thinking of the central university policy, regardless of whether it came about by drift or by design, thinking of the kind of spiritual climate and frame of mind it fosters as an ongoing rooted institution both by the topics and practices it includes and the topics and practices it excludes.

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Dave still brings to the ministry a compassion for the lost that is unmatched. His overriding concern is reaching the students on campus with the message of the Gospel. Whether it is through Campus Worship and trying to re-ignite the passion for God that a student may have lost, or talking to a student at 2:00 in the morning at one of our food give-aways, he is always looking for an opportunity to share his faith with that student. Whether it is on the mission field of B.G.S.U. or on the mission field of Haiti, Dave is always looking for ways to share God's love with the people He is with.

He tries to kindle that same passion in the students at A.C.T. as well. Through sharing his wisdom with them concerning the lost and through creating opportunities for them to reach out, Dave continues to be a driving force to reach the campus for Christ.

Of all the changes, Jeff's job may have changed the most. Jeff has taken on a more administrative role in the ministry. In order to free up some time for Dave and Luke to focus more on the direct ministry with students, Jeff will work more with the publicity and the "paper work" side of the ministry.

He will continue to lead worship for Campus Worship at B.G. and he will work with the students in the areas of publicity and such. He will be involved in planning the retreats for A.C.T. as

well as mission trips. He will also work with the outreach and follow-up teams as well as helping out wherever he can along the way. He will be a second pair of hands in B.G. for Dave and will help out at U.T. as needed.

Mostly, the staff changes have opened up possibilities. They will allow a little more freedom in planning activities for the campuses as well as more opportunities to visit churches.

The additional help will certainly allow us to provide more programming on both campuses. It will also allow God a little more flexibility in the programming that He wants to add to our ministry. Hopefully, it will also allow us to be more faithful to the plans that God has for the future of A.C.T.

These changes were not made lightly. And they were not made on the basis of what was the most feasible. As a matter of fact, we're not really even sure how we are going to pay Luke's salary. But we are trusting that God put these things in place at this time and we know that if we follow His leading that He will provide for our needs as well.

Please continue to pray for the staff of A.C.T. The only way that they can continue to do this job is with God's strength. And your prayers can do a lot to add that strength to their lives.

Plans For The Fall Are The Focus At U.T.

Things at UT are fairly slow over the summer, but Luke has been spending time getting to know quite a few of the graduate students who are still here doing research. God really seems to be opening a door in that direction, and we are pleased to see that many graduate students are still sensitive and open to the Gospel of Christ. Many of them are independent Christians who haven't found a home in a church or in a campus ministry. Many others are not believers, but they are able to maturely discuss topics of a spiritual nature. Ministering to graduates is not easy, especially since many of them are older than Luke.

Aside from spending time getting to know the graduate students, A.C.T. also spent three weeks in a row at Rocket Launch, UT's freshman orientation. We were allowed to set up a booth close to the rooms where students were registering for classes, and had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of incoming freshmen and their parents. We now have a list of over 70 incoming students interested in ACT activities this fall. Plus, through Rocket Launch Luke became acquainted with several student leaders in a variety of organizations on campus, including a few fraternities and sororities.

This fall ACT is planning a few programs to draw in new students and bring them steps closer to understanding and embracing the Gospel. Back by popular demand is the course, "Simpsons' Spirituality." Last Spring this program was hosted weekly at the BG campus and a couple times at UT. Students from all over the campus, as well as from a variety of religious backgrounds, came to watch "The Simpsons" and discuss the spiritual issues in the show. At Rocket Launch this year we

played episodes of the Simpsons at our booth, which made us the most popular booth at the orientation. Students would sit for hours sometimes as they waited for their next meeting just watching. It gave Luke a great chance to talk to them and advertise for the program.

We also plan on having Luke Skidmore, our new intern, come to campus and host a program on science and Christianity. We are hoping this will be a means of reaching out to UT's large scientific population.

Also in the works for this fall is a Bible study and informal worship time for students seeking engaging discipleship. The topics and format of the study are still being brainstormed, but one of our best working ideas is to host a "Rated R" Bible study -- its not as bad as you think. During this summer's Bible study we discovered that the non-Christians really enjoyed reading the sections of the Bible that were the most sinful: episodes of war, adultery, deceit . . . that kind of thing. It occurred to us that there were many things one could learn from the mistakes and rebellion of others, and so we are working on developing a Bible study that will zero in on these episodes. The study would be primarily a time for Christian fellowship, worship and study, while also gearing our topics so non-Christian visitors would find the biblical issues interesting.

Please pray for Luke's personal relationships with the students. Ultimately, it will be the relationships that are born from these programs that will determine the direction the Gospel and ACT will go at UT.

Need A Project?

Need a good service project for your Sunday school class, youth group or even your whole church? Why not check with us to see if there is anything around the Campus houses that you could pitch in on? We always seem to have some odd jobs that need to be done and we would welcome the help! Right now, for example, we're looking for help with several jobs that are just too big for us to get done by ourselves before school starts. Some of these would include:

Putting in a brick patio at the B.G. house. We've got the bricks and the layout, we need someone to dig up the area, lay down the sand and put the bricks down.

Replacing the mulch on the path at the U.T house. It's a project that would take 6 - 8 people about 2 hours and would cost around \$400.00.

We could use some help painting the garage at B.G. Part of it has been power-washed and is awaiting a good coat of paint. It would take a group of 5 - 6 people a day to do the job and would be around \$150.00 to complete it.

There are a couple of really major jobs that need to be done. The roofs on both campus houses need to be replaced. It's going to take a group of people that are willing to work hard and not afraid of heights. Of course, we need to raise the funds for this project so we're not quite ready to go right now. But if you're interested let us know and if you would like to buy the shingles, we'll be glad to work with you on that too!

One other thing that we're trying to accomplish before school starts is some work on the gutters of the B.G. house. I you're not afraid of heights, this is a job for you. We've got one section that needs to be replaced and several others that need to be patched at the seams. Not much cost to this one, but some time and energy would be greatly appreciated..

By the way... Just because the costs are listed doesn't mean you have to come up with that money yourself. Maybe someone out there can't do the work but would like to help with the cost. And we have plenty of "clean-up" type jobs that don't really have a cost attached to them. Let us know if you're interested and we'll schedule you for a work day at the campus house.

Remodeling The B.G. Campus House & Ministry

Well, it seems that just when one project gets finished, another one begins. At least that's the case with our campus house at B.G.

We had just finished the remodeling of the garage and someone mentioned that if we would take out a wall in the kitchen, it would create a lot more space for us to use in the house. But, as with any project, it's never quite as simple as it seems. You see, the wall was between the kitchen and a storage room. So we first remodeled a room in the basement to create a storage room down there. We added a de-humidifier to help control the moisture since we were going to be storing sound equipment and instruments and put a lock on the door for security. With the finished, the work upstairs could begin.

Two really good friends of the ministry, Craig Gunnett and Eric Willman, took on the project and have done a lion's share of the work. They tore out the wall with the help of some students, and proceeded to tear out part of the ceiling as well. That let them actually re-plumb the upstairs bath which completed the re-plumbing of the entire campus house.

Then, after much patching and plastering, a fresh coat of paint went on and the kitchen was really beginning to take shape. A new ceiling was added and, as of this writing, plans to put in a new floor are underway. When completed, the new part of the kitchen will become the eating area for the house and the "dining" room will be used for more seating for group meetings and Bible studies.

Dave and Jeff have remarked several times about the changes in the house over the past four or five years. And it seems that after each project, we have joked about the fact that there is just no more room to expand. But then we seem to find another way to make more room. This time, however, we're pretty sure that without changing the footprint of the house by adding on, we are at our limit. We've done everything we can with the house as it is and so ends the construction period for the Campus House.

But, even though the house is as far as we can take it, the face of the ministry continues to change. God has been doing some extraordinary things lately in directing and guiding the ministry at B.G.

It was one month before school started and we got word that the room that we had planned on meeting in was not available to us. We made reservations for the room last March, and the university told us in July that we could not have the room. Now what? Where were we supposed to go and exactly what were we supposed to do. The only rooms that they gave us for options were either much, much too big or not big enough. We kept asking, "God, what are you trying to tell us here?"

We continued to do some checking and found out that if we would change our meeting to 9:00, we could have almost any room on campus that we wanted. Except, of course, the room that we originally requested last March. So the search began.

We decided on a room that several of the students had mentioned before. Although it is still larger than we think we need, we are wondering if maybe God is trying to tell us something. It is one of the nicest rooms on campus. And it has a separate entrance from the rest of the building. It will almost appear as though we have our own building. The room is set up as a lecture hall and so the students should be comfortable in the room and the acoustics are much better than where we were at before. The best part is that it is even closer to the campus house than we have ever been, and so it will be even easier to get to the coffee house after Campus Worship.

We firmly believe that God has some great things in store for the B.G. ministry. The students are talking about how they can make an impact on the campus and they are committing to making some of the sacrifices that will be necessary if that is going to happen. The really exciting thing is that they are viewing prayer as the most important thing that they can do. There are still plans for all night prayer meetings and for a focused prayer time on Sunday night along with our communion time. But we are looking at the change in timing on Wednesday and seeing that there is a block of time now open for prayer before each of our campus worship times. Plans are being made to spend an hour or more each Wednesday night praying specifically for that evening's worship time. In the past, we have had a prayer time before each meeting, but it has always been while the set-up was happening or while the worship band was rehearsing. Now, it will be before anything takes place at all.

Plans are being made for new ways of doing publicity as well. We have plans to do mass mailings to the campus as well as working through activities fairs and other venues that the university provides. We are still planning to do our annual candle-light Christmas service with an even stronger push to the campus. We are looking at revamping the website to make it more useable for the students and are using e-mail to stay in touch with them as well.

All of these things are changes that we really believe God is leading. Whether it is remodeling the Campus House or changing where we meet, God and His Ministry are the overriding factors that we are looking at. We are seeking His counsel and His Wisdom as we try to do His Will. A sign that hangs in the office at B.G. sums it all up:

I used to ask God to help me.

Then I asked if I might help Him

I ended up asking God to do His work through me.

Hudson Taylor

Faith Is The Stuff Of Things Unseen...

We felt like we needed to let you know what's been happening with the finances of A.C.T. for the past few months. In a nutshell, it's been rough. At the end of June we were \$6400 in the hole. By juggling some of the bills they did get paid. We made it through, but to say things were OK is really not at all the case.

July proved once again that God is faithful. We put out the word about our financial troubles and people responded. And responded generously we might add. We had enough income to pay the bills in July and even make up some ground from June. But we still ended up \$2600.00 in the red.

A.C.T. has always been a ministry of faith. In the early 1970's when the ministry began, it was a step of faith that led Darrel Fyffe, a faculty member at BGSU and a group of men to move into what was mostly uncharted territory. As one of the very early Campus Ministries, there wasn't a "how to" book available and so they stepped out in faith and launched what became a successful campus ministry in every regard.

In 1973, another step of faith was required when Bruce Montgomery was called as the first full-time Campus Minister. With virtually no funds, Bruce came on board and raised what was needed to be a full time staff member of a Campus Ministry.

Not very much later, Steve Schetrtzinger joined the team. Again, A.C.T. stepped out in faith and believed that this was the move that God wanted them to make. And it proved to be correct. According to Douglas Dickey in his book "Campus Ministry", those two built a campus ministry that was "one of the strongest in the nation".

Then came the ministry at the University of Toledo. Jim Nichols worked with a group of students, while he was the minister at Central Christian Church in Toledo, that became the core for the new A.C.T. group. Bryan and Amber Rowoth were called to be the Staff for that group and three years later, faith again played a major role in A.C.T. when they were killed in a tragic car accident in the summer of 1984. And even through this tragedy, the leadership of A.C.T. kept working in faith.

And God remained faithful as well. It was later that same summer when God called for A.C.T. to step out in faith once again. They called Steve and Leigh North to work with the students on the campus of U.T. Through their ministry, the work began by Bryan and Amber was continued and the ministry at U.T. flourished. Under Steve's direction, in 1991, the students stepped out in faith and took A.C.T.'s first trip to Haiti.

Faith continued to play a large role in the ministry with the

calling of Dewey Thackston at B.G. and Brian and Kendra Mizer as staff at U.T. Even in the current ministries of Jeff and Lisa Lyon and Dave and Vicki Warner, faith continues to play a crucial role. Faith continues to play a huge role especially in the ministries of Jeff and Dave, who admit freely that when they were hired, they had no idea what they were doing, and even now, eight and nine years later, still have no idea what they are doing.

Even in the current ministry, we stepped out in faith and started our food give-aways and we are beginning to see the fruit of those labors. Through faith, we began taking a summer mission trip to Haiti and this year we added a second trip because so many wanted to go with us. Faith led us to remodel the garage at B.G. into a meeting room / computer lab for the students to use. We knocked out a wall in the kitchen this summer because we believe, by faith, that we will need the extra space this fall.

And as you can read elsewhere in this newsletter, God had led us to hire another full-time staff member. Even with our current financial status, we really feel that this is a move that God wants A.C.T. to take at this time. And so, once again, God has called us to step out in faith and bring Luke Gilkerson on staff as the Campus Minister at U.T.

This ministry has always been a ministry of faith. And it will always continue to be. Sure, we try to be as responsible as we possibly can with the resources that God give to us; whether those resources are buildings, equipment, monetary or students, but we must also always look for ways to stretch the ministry beyond what those resources can support. Hudson Taylor once said that "Unless there is an element of risk in our exploits for God, there is no need for faith."

Some of you are already supporting A.C.T. sacrificially whether that be through gifts of time, money or prayer. We want you to know that we appreciate those gifts very much. Some of you send money when we let you know of a need. We thank you for your generosity and kindness in helping us dig out of what are sometimes very deep holes.

So here we are. stepping out in faith, trusting God, and telling His people. The bottom line is this. We need to raise almost \$3500 a month in new or additional support. That will help us cover salaries, and will allow us to do some further programming on the campuses. Will you join us as we reach out to the largest mission field in Northwest Ohio? Will you step out in faith believing that God will supply your needs as you help to supply the needs of this ministry? Will you help us get to the place where we can see the current ministry as being too small

Church Visits!

We're in the process of booking church visits for both the Fall and Spring Semester. If you would be interested in A.C.T. coming to your church to present our work, let us know. We have several weekends in the fall booked, but there is always room for more. The Spring is really quite open at this point. We can bring our drama team, teach Sunday school, preach, or bring our worship band and lead worship for your congregation. Just let us know where we can help you out and we'll fill you in on A.C.T.'s ministry as well.

Why Do We Do It?

It seems that every time we talk about campus ministry or our mission trips to Haiti or Boston or Philadelphia or wherever we happen to go that time, someone always wants to know. Why we spend so much time with college students or why we take so many mission trips. The answer can really be seen in the students themselves. So let's look and see what kind of an impact A.C.T. has had on the students in the past few years.

This fall, two A.C.T. students will become missionary teachers to other parts of the world. Mike Deibert will be teaching in a Christian School in Guatemala and sharing the love of Christ with the people of that country.

The other student, Erik Marshall, will be going to Haiti for two years to teach at Sonlight Academy in Port De Paix. He became acquainted with the academy on an earlier A.C.T. trip to Haiti, and went on this summer's second trip not only to work with A.C.T. but to do some preliminary work for his time in Haiti.

While in Haiti this summer, we got to spend some time with Dave and Patty Hipply and their family. They are currently serving as missionaries to Haiti and are alums of U.T.

Right here in Bowling Green, Jim and Pam Brosius are ministering to the youth of a congregation. Jim and Pam are both graduates of U.T. as well. Mark Blake, a graduate of B.G., is also ministering with local congregation here in Bowling Green. And Keith Ramsdell is ministering with a church in Michigan.

And then there's Luke Skidmore. Luke is our intern for this year. Over the past five years, we have had six interns. Our internships focus not on the labor that our interns can provide but on trying to ready them for service in God's kingdom. Sometimes that means that the internships don't develop the way we think they will, but that's O.K. Currently, three of the interns are in Seminary, one is preparing for a career in the

medical field and will probably become a medical missionary of some type, and one is currently the Campus Minister at U.T.

We have an alumni that is completing her Masters in Missions at Cincinnati Bible Seminary and is planning on working on her Doctorate as well. One alum has just moved to Texas to work with a new church plant there. Other alums are missionaries in England, Malaysia, and other countries around the world. And there are too many to mention who are preachers, teachers and leaders in local congregations around the country.

This is an article that Steve Shertzinger wrote back in 1986.

The test of a campus ministry's effectiveness is what its graduates are doing five years after graduation! In some sense it's relatively easy to get a crowd of students together. Have a party, put on a concert, give some inducement that appeals to human desires and sure enough you'll have a crowd. But will that crowd be any different [five years from now] than it is today? We're gratified by how the alumni of Active Christians Today have expanded upon their faith since leaving campus. (Like your congregation, we cannot boast a 100% fidelity of our alums.) Nearly every week we receive a letter or call from an alum updating what they're doing. Some serve as missionaries. Others are preaching in local congregations. Most are missionaries working on the "front lines" in "secular" jobs.

What was true then is still true today. A.C.T. continues to teach and train new leaders for God's kingdom. As a matter of fact, you may be one of those who began their training under A.C.T.'s umbrella. Why not drop us a line and let us know what you're doing? We'll try to compile them and put together an update of where the Alumni of A.C.T. are currently serving for the next issue of A.C.T. In Action.

A Really Simple Way To Help

You would not believe the amount of paper products that a campus ministry goes through. We use paper everything: paper plates, paper cups, Styrofoam plates, Styrofoam cups, plastic fork, spoons, knives, Styrofoam bowls, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels... you name it. If it's paper, we use it.

One really easy way that you can help us out is to have a paper shower for A.C.T. Just set aside a couple of Sundays for your church or Sunday school class, or youth group to bring in paper supplies for A.C.T. Then make arrangements to get it to us or let us know and maybe we could even come and get it. It's quick, easy and, for the most part, painless. (Unless the boxes get to heavy to carry!)

In the past, several churches have done this and it really has made a big difference. It saves us a lot of money when the supplies are already purchased and we don't have to worry about

buying paper products.

One area that we are adding to our list this year is office products. Cases of copy paper, rolls of stamps and even paperclips, rubber bands and pens would be welcome.

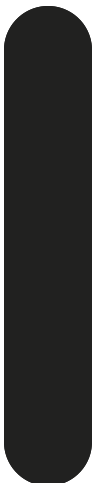
As for the copy paper, just plain 20 lb white is great. We don't use a lot of pastel paper, so colored would pretty much go to waste. But 8 1/2 x 11, 8 1/2 x 14 or 11 x 17 would be very useful and helpful to us as well.

If you need other easy ways to help out our ministry, let us know. We're always looking for people to help with small projects and with gathering supplies for mission trips and even for outreach on campus. We even could use some groups to come in and help us cook some meals for our gatherings and such, so let us know what you're willing to help with and we'll get you involved.

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top ten reasons to get involved in campus ministry

- 10.) You've been told your crazy so much that you've started to believe it
- 9.) You're searching for a way to make prayer more important in your life
- 8.) Mt. Dew and Twinkies are already your main source of nutrition
- 7.) The impact on the Kingdom of God is awesome dude
- 6.) You enjoy being more tired than you ever thought possible
- 5.) Great music (what ever happened to that organ anyway?)
- 4.) No perfect people allowed!
- 3.) You don't have to dress up
- 2.) Because the harvest is ready and the laborers are few

And the #1 reason to get involved in campus ministry...
...You never know, you might like it!



What Can You Do?

- Pray for us!!!
- Send us names and addresses of students.
- Partner with us for an outreach event such as the food give-aways 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.

Looking for a Good Seminar?

Listed here are several of the seminars that we have prepared. Because of the nature of these topics, each of them would take between 4 & 6 hours to cover properly. They are a great idea for an all-day Saturday program or even a Friday Night / Saturday meeting. Our schedules have a few dates available, and we are beginning to book for the summer months.

Topics Include:

Developing a Christian World View
Is The Bible Really God's Word?
Is Jesus Who He Claimed to Be?

Lostology...Understanding The Pre-Christian Mind.
How Jesus Taught...A course in Biblical teaching methods

Toward A Biblical Perspective:
Homosexuality, Abortion, Suicide, Euthanasia
Biblical Interpretation

Science & The Bible
The Second Coming
What Is Worship?