

2011 FALL BASH WEEK



THE CAMPUS VIEW

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an update from Christian Campus House at Eastern Illinois University

MISSION ON CAMPUS ...

Christian Campus House is a mission. We are here to provide a place of community and growth for believers so they don't fall into the ways of the world. We are here to equip and challenge these same students to make an impact on campus. Our students are not separated from secular ideologies or lifestyles. They are the missionaries to help bring the truth and love of our often misperceived God to this campus. They represent Christ.

Kelly represents Christ. When she first came to campus this Fall she connected with someone who was searching for Jesus. Kelly says, "We did devotionals together and she has come to campus house many times and is involved with a life group. She asked me challenging questions. I was able to discover more what I believed and why I believed it. God has brought a lot of healing into her life and she still seeks me out with questions."

Kyle is standing for Christ in his Fraternity. This summer he began attending Wednesday night services and committed to do what he could to continue attending during the school year. After approaching his Fraternity brothers, they agreed to move their required weekly meetings from Wednesdays so that Kyle could attend Bible Study.

Sarah is loving like Jesus. This summer Sarah met Emily at a friend's birthday party. "She was drunk. She was my neighbor so I saw her in the parking lot one day and she opened up to me about some things in her life. Later I asked how things were going and the Lord used me to speak truth into her life. She expressed interest in getting to know the Lord. We went stargazing one night and she opened up to me about her past. I was able to use my testimony to show her how God had brought me through similar situations. In seeing how God was working in my life, she became super excited about what the Lord could do in her life. I asked if she wanted to read the Bible once a week. She wanted to, so we began meeting and talking about God on a weekly basis."

Alex is making an impact for Christ. Alex pursued a Resident Assistant position so he could "...help others and be on the front line of connecting with others while talking about God." Alex has been praying for multiple residents and has been intentional in showing them God's love. Alex has already seen God work in changing their outlook and hearts towards life and others. "Trying to look through the eyes of Christ has allowed me to love my residents,

and in turn, those residents show that love to each other."

We are a mission. We are here to strengthen and equip the faithful to remain faithful and to impact this campus with the truth and love of Christ. We are here to proclaim the truth of the good news to all who would listen and glorify God on this campus. We are here to build up young men and women who will love God, love people and help make his truths known in their homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools. Please pray for these students and for our ministry that we may be an effective, healthy mission and bring glory to our great God.

■ Danah Himes



... AND BEYOND

AS A MINISTRY THAT works to see college students become life-long disciples of Christ, it excites us when our current and past students become Kingdom-minded adults who are taking the Gospel to the nations. We hope you can share our excitement as you read these stories.

Kevin Vicker is the Interim Director for the Office of International Students and Scholars here at EIU. Kevin discovered his passion for international students while he was in college, volunteering as a conversation partner and then leading a Bible study for international students. Kevin graduated with a Master's degree in College Affairs, and after working at UNLV for a few years he is now back at Eastern. Kevin enjoys developing relationships with international students and professionals from around the world. Through these relationships he is learning what God looks like in different cultural contexts, and he is trying to be an example of Christ, thus impacting the world for the Kingdom. Kevin also desires to encourage the international students who are Christians, and he hopes to pair up international students with local students and community members who will show them the love of God.

Kenny and Heather Haggard will soon be headed to Albania to work with an organization called Kontaktmission (KM). The two met at CCH, but before they even began dating, the Lord had given them both a heart for Europe. Kenny and Heather love KM because it was founded in Europe and focuses solely on reaching European nations. After doing an exploratory trip last summer they knew they wanted to go

back to Albania, a country that has been dominated by communism and foreign rule until only 20 years ago. Their first few years as missionaries will be focused on language learning, and after that their goal is to plant new Albanian churches where none exist. Although they have fears about living in a new place, they are very excited about how God is working among the Albanian people. You can learn more about the Haggards and their partnership with KM by visiting their website www.raisealbania.org.

Kayla Spencer recently decided to take a year off school to participate in "The World Race," an eleven month mission trip to eleven different countries. Two years ago Kayla spent the summer in Kenya, and the Lord changed her life. He broke her heart for the world and gave her a desire to be His hands and feet to the broken. Kayla and her team will be working with established ministries in each of the countries they visit, and Kayla is excited to give the greatest gift she can give to the people she encounters: Christ's love. She knows that God is already at work in each of these countries, and He will continue to work after she leaves. She is excited to be challenged, stretched, and refined by God as she walks with Him in this exciting journey. You can keep up with Kayla's journey by following her blog at www.kaylaspencer.theworldrace.org.

■ *Lyndsey Kirk*

SERVING BEYOND OUR WALLS



Kevin Vicker



Kenny and Heather Haggard



Kayla Spencer

Some Campus House girls enjoying the "old-time photo" set-up during Bash Week!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Well, you can be sure that when the "Grim Reaper" shows up carrying your financial update, the news is not good. The good news is that we are debt-free since paying off our mortgage in April. The bad news is that the anticipated subsequent recovery and growth in our general fund has not happened. As of the end of our fiscal year in August, CCH is in the worst financial shape it has been in for decades. In essence, our general fund is almost broke. We need your help. Enough said.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Roger