



Fall Retreat 2008: Camp Brookwoods, New Hampshire

“I feel like a superhero with no power. . . With no power and no motivation!” Former Real Life staff member, George Hinman, returned to Boston this year to speak at the annual Fall Retreat. Speaking from the book of Luke, George addressed the difficulties of college life as a Christian. He declared that with God, there is no need to feel like a superhero with no power or motivation. God’s grace is enough for us all!



Students from the Fenway Hub pose after competing in the Campus Olympics

Students like Jane, a Brandeis University sophomore, wanted to have an impact on two Chinese classmates, Sue Yen and Diane. Both Sue Yen and Diane shared during the weekend how they were not believers but seeking the Lord.

At the end of the time Sue Yen left a note for the retreat staff - “It’s really great that God brought me here this weekend to experience His love for me

from His family. Thank you for praying for me. I’ll continue to pray that I can let go of my fears and insecurities.”

A week after the conference Jane emailed the staff saying that Sue Yen had come to trust in Jesus. Please pray for her and her growth in the Lord. Pray also for others like Diane who are still seeking Him!

Growth is the means for transformation. God has created us for a purpose. . . For a reflection of his goodness.

-George Hinman, Fall Retreat 2008



Boston Summer Project 2008

Caitlyn, a Boston student from Simmons College, joined the Boston Summer Project for the leadership development. Living alongside other Christians, Caitlyn was also challenged to trust the project community while they were all learning to take steps of faith in ministry. Two weeks into the project, Caitlyn invited Mary, another Simmons student she worked with, to the summer project house for a community dinner. Mary loved it and continued to come to the Wilson House for dinners, cook outs and other outreaches.

At work, Caitlyn and Mary began to share their spiritual backgrounds. Mary had a strong spiritual background but drifted away from the Lord during her freshman and sophomore years. During an outreach-concert in Harvard Square, one of the musicians shared her story of broken relationships and that the only relationship never broken is a relationship with God. During the concert, Mary re-dedicated her life to Christ. Mary is now going to church with her family again and is involved in the Bible study Caitlyn is leading this fall.



South Africa Summer 2008

“July 14, 2008—Another week has begun, and I've switched to the orphans group. Today was great. I woke up, had breakfast, spent some quiet time, played a competitive ultimate frisbee game, went to St. Joseph's and worked on a slide presentation and database enhancement, and spent some time (well, all afternoon) with the Sizinani orphans. I am totally exhausted, but feeling good. The orphans had an unending source of energy and loved soccer. Also, we taught some of them how to throw a frisbee. A few of the girls from

our group brought fun toys like parachute men, marbles, bubbles, chalk, and jump ropes for the children as well. “ -Richard, South Africa 2008

Twenty-five students, most of them athletes from Stanford and Harvard University, chose to spend their summer serving the orphans and disabled of South Africa. The high level skills these students have acquired in their American schooling allows them to make a huge impact in a short amount of time. These students' lives were transformed as they saw God's work in Africa.

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