



Real Life  
BOSTON

Turning Lost Students into Christ Centered Laborers  
Spring 2007

## Love God, Love Others, Love the Lost

In the next few weeks we will be sending 18 students to South Africa to use their intellectual talents to minister to the poor through health care, engineering projects, and outreach to AIDS orphans. Sixteen additional students will live in the heart of Cambridge, ministering to their peers and meeting some of the best speakers on evangelism in the country. God is preparing these students for another year of service on campus.

However, as the rest of the 135,000 area college students leave Boston for the summer, we would like to share some of the powerful stories from the past year.

“Big Break” evangelism conference: Ben, a sound production student, took 3 weeks off of school to accept an internship with the Big Break conference. He managed 4 different bands, countless speakers, and minimal sound equipment with a servant heart. The conference went so well that the organizers



Kristen, Hannah, Jessica, Liza, Lianna, and Christine  
in Panama City Beach for Big Break 2007

have already invited him back next year! Back in the Boston area, Ben has been emboldened to share his love of Jesus with those he works with in sound production.

Veritas Forum at MIT: Veritas was held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the first time. Over 800 students attended a lecture given by Francis Collins. Dr. Collins is the director of the National Human Genome Research



Dr. Francis Collins

Institute and the author of *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence of Belief*. During his lecture, Dr. Collins was able to share the gospel and make a scientifically relevant case for faith.

Greek Conference: God moved mightily! Twenty students involved in fraternities and sororities at MIT attended the conference in North Carolina. Four out of the 7 non-Christians accepted Christ or rededicated their lives to Him. Two of the other non-Christians decided to start attending church and reading more about Christianity. These students have opened the door to more widespread outreach to the Greek community in Boston.

Wow! What a year! Please pray for continued momentum in the fall. As we seek new and innovative ways to reach every freshman on campus, we are grateful for your continued support of our ministry in Boston.

*Some, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown." Mark 4:20*

## Senior Testimony: Susie Skoda

As a little girl, one of my favorite Sunday school songs was “This Little Light of Mine.” I can clearly recall one Sunday when all we little tikes gathered before the whole Church to sing this song. I remember myself. Boy did I belt it out boldly and with much spirit. I wish I could say to you tonight that this confidence and this exuberance I expressed for my faith as a seven year old characterized my life from that moment on.

However, that would be untrue. I never lost the light of God’s faith, but I sat in darkness for several years. In high school, I remember taking a 15 minute study break at 2 AM when the only decent program to watch was an infomercial for the Top Modern Worship CD. As I sat in our dark living room watching the people sing, “Shout to the Lord, my heart broke because of its emptiness. I knew I wanted and needed to Shout to the Lord. I, however, did not allow this light to shine to me or to others. My life was too busy.

But praise God for His faithfulness and patience. Christian Impact (CI, Real Life’s movement at Harvard) has been the body which has spurred me on and encouraged me in my walk with Christ. This community, its life groups, its worship, its outreach, and activities have made this hesitant girl steadfast in her faith. CI’s mission is to be a beacon of Christ’s light onto our campus. God blessed me by having that light fall onto my path.



From left to right: Ann, Faith, Kirsten, Susie, and Heidi, some of the Harvard CI women on a spring retreat in NYC

This year, the students of CI and Athletes in Action have touched many others through the efforts that we have made to serve as Christ’s ambassadors here on campus and around the world. This summer I will be traveling with 17 other students to South Africa to share God’s love half-way around the world!

Thanks to the community and mission CI has provided me these past four years, I no longer live in darkness or sit wishing I could Shout to the Lord. CI has helped me find the light, seize it, and proclaim it. . Leaving behind CI, I am so thankful knowing that many students will be served by it as I have been. Praise God for His hand over Harvard and the hearts of these students.



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