



More Answers to Prayer

Celebrate: Stories 76-100 of People Led to Christ
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Story of #76

Courtney

William Woods University

Wow! What a crazy, holy God I serve! I requested to speak at our weekly CRU meetings a little over a month ago. I tossed around several topics to talk about, but I wasn't too excited about any of them. Then, two weekends before I am to speak, a student from the college next to ours was killed in a car accident. After talking to a lot of students, a lot of people were angry. Angry at God for what happened and angry at the circumstances. I knew now what I needed to speak on, for I had once been angry at God myself - very angry.

The night of the car accident, I just pleaded with God to move on our campuses, to do something. I walked away from that night knowing God would do something specifically on the night I would speak. I told our leadership team and asked them to be prepared and to be flexible on that night.

So, I got up and spoke the night our meeting and I just poured my heart out to students and told them my story and the lessons to be learned from my experiences. I paralleled a lot of my story with the life of Job and also used Matthew 11:28. "Come." That is what I asked students to do - if they did not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, tonight was as good as any night to accept Christ as their personal Savior. They may not have tomorrow.

A lot of tears that night, both from me and students around me. Over 70 students were there, many of them my sorority sisters for whom I am desperate God would move in their hearts. God did move in one heart in particular! A girl who had been coming to CRU only occasionally made the decision to accept Christ last night as her personal Lord and Savior. She had prayed over Christmas break to be saved,

but did not feel the assurance or the conviction of that decision. For her last night there was no doubt! "Such sweet peace!" she said.

God is moving unlike he ever has before on this campus. The tides are turning and the war is on. Last night was just a beginning. Praise the Lord!

Story of #77

Taylor

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Last week my friend and I met with a girl to do a "survey" about college students' lives and spiritual interest. Our conversation led into sharing the Knowing God Personally Booklet... and at the end she said she wanted to pray to receive Christ! We did it right there together and God is amazing! I got some great illustrations and questioning point tips from Student2Student. Eric Abbey's audio motivational message is great and so is the Big 6 for sharing KGP! Thanks!

Story of #78

Raymond

El Camino College

Last semester (Fall '04) the Lord told me to go and speak to a girl sitting by a tree. I wondered if I was crazy and just imagining things because I so badly wanted God to use me. After 5 minutes of internal conflict I decided that I had nothing to lose. I approached her and asked if I could talk to her about God, and she said "Ok." 20 minutes later she was receiving Jesus into her life!

Story of #79

Ashley

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

God works in crazy ways! Last summer I went on an overseas project to a country in the 10-40 window. During my last two weeks there I met an amazing girl. She was interested in Christianity and I shared the Gospel with her.

She wasn't ready to make a decision for Christ but wanted to keep thinking about. Unfortunately, I returned to America that week and had to trust that God would continue to work on her heart.

We've kept in touch the past few months over e-mail, but I was beginning to get discouraged as it seemed she was becoming less spiritually interested. I decided to start praying for her more consistently, and asked others to do the same. One week in December, completely out of the blue, I received an e-mail saying that she thought she wanted to become a Christian and hoped I would teach her about it again.

I was so excited! A friend knew a missionary in that city and arranged for her to start meeting together. For the next few months I e-mailed my friend information about Christianity and answered her questions while the missionary clarified and continued to teach her. In her last e-mail, she asked me if she was a sinner. I responded with a presentation of the Gospel and prayed the missionary would be able to follow-up.

Recently I got another e-mail from her. She decided to accept Christ as her savior! She had met with the missionary after the last e-mail to talk about it, and decided she needed God in her life. Paraphrased from her e-mail; "I am so excited! I prayed to become a Christian just like you and S. because I knew it is what I must do. I wanted it with my whole heart. I feel so different!!!! :)))) I am reading the Bible in my language now and it's so cool!"

I am so excited that God allowed me to see her come to this decision and the amazing way in which He did it. Even though we don't always see the fruits of our labor, or the answers to our prayers, we can rest assured that He hears them and is working in a powerful way...even through months of e-mails and prayers from people on opposite sides of the world!

Story of #80

Rosita

The Citadel, Charleston, SC

My friend had been struggling for a while with her faith. She knew there was a God, but was confused about Jesus and His sacrifice for us. She was struggling with past issues, unanswered questions and feelings of unworthiness. After months of seeking answers through the Word and other Christians, she made the decision to accept Christ. She asked me to go through The Four Spiritual Laws with her because she said that she realized that she

could do nothing with her life, but place it in God's hands and allow Him to work things out. That night she accepted Christ and has been overflowing with joy since. This just proves that persistence and prayer really do pay off because even when she was hopeless, He convicted her heart and now she is living the abundant life.

Story of #81

Elijah

University of California, Davis

February 28 is usually one of those hard days to deal with because we're normally used to 30 days in a month. It seemed like March 1st was approaching too quickly. Little did I know that God designed this specific day so that one more student could say "Yes" to God and be saved. After a day of lectures, bills, and a Bridges International bowling event, I came home and shared with my roommate about the bible's signs of the times and their fulfillment in great part-(which interested me since that day a christian surprised me about how tsunami ("tossing of the sea") is fulfilled in the end - signs.). I didn't know it was in the bible. After sharing with my roommate about end-times and signs fulfilling, I suddenly asked him, "have you heard of Four Spiritual Laws?" (To make an abrupt statement without any transition is not that common since I am fairly logical person and usually make smooth transitions.) Looking back, now I realize that God wanted me to get to the heart of the matter since there's no time to waste. I grabbed a colorful, "Would you like to know God personally?" booklet from my closet and began with 1 and ended with 4. Since my roommate grew up going to church, and I always had good conversation about God; I always thought, "it's hard to tell him about relationship with God since he already thought that he's a Christian. Well, this time, none of my opinion mattered about how hard or easy it is for a "Christian" roommate to accept Jesus. God was determined to reveal Himself through this booklet. We eventually got to the page with the prayer on it to invite Christ. The image of Christ knocking on the door seemed so vivid now, after we discussed about it but after I asked him if he prayed a prayer similar to this, he responded that he doesn't remember, but in the light of what was discussed he said that he wanted to pray. He asked, "Should we stand up and pray or kneel?" I just couldn't contain the joy inside of me but I said, "Either one is fine, but we'll just kneel". At 12:00 am March 1, 2005 there was my roommate, next to his bed repeating the prayer of accepting Jesus after me. Wow. I knew there's a celebration in heaven for my roommate. We got up, after praying and I told him what he has as a result of inviting

Jesus. "He that has the Son has life"! -eternal life and meaningful life here on earth with all of the sins forgiven! Praise God!

Story of #82

Jacqueline

University of Wisconsin - River Falls

One woman came to Bible study that night with something on her shoulders. After the study was over we went and talked together. She shared with me a lot about her life, and I in turn shared my testimony with her. I explained the awesome power of God. We prayed together right then and there in the stairwell of the dorms. She is a new sister! The Angels Rejoiced!

Story of #83

Nathan

UCLA

I have been working in a Coffeehouse on campus for 6 months and have been investing in people's lives. My co-worker believed that there was a God, and that Jesus helped people become more aware of their sins, but he didn't believe in Him. This past Sunday, he gave his life to Christ. I am beginning to see what God in his life. Glory to be God!

Story of #84

Amanda & Racheal

Indiana State

I was at church and my friend came up to me and asked if I would pray with her at the altar. After about twenty minutes of praying together she prayed to receive Christ !

Story of #85

Lauren

University of Virginia

During Big Break in Panama City Beach I had the awesome privilege of talking to a freshman from Kentucky. When my friend Kaitlin and I walked up to her and her three friends on the beach we asked them if they would mind answering some survey questions. At first the other three girls seemed more interested but the Kentucky girl started to speak up when we asked "what is the most important thing in your life right now?" and she looked us in the face and replied alcohol. We soon learned that God was really breaking her down over some deaths of people close to her. As we continued the conversation I got to go through the four spiritual laws with her, and at the end she told us she wanted to be in the right circle, with Christ at the throne. We prayed with her and she accepted Christ. We then continued to talk to her about the Spirit-filled life and how she could grow in her faith.

Praise Jesus because she is now a daughter of the King!!!

Story of #86

Matt

Notre Dame

I was on Big Break in Panama City Beach. My partner, Dana, and I saw a large group of people that we didn't really want to talk to, but I felt a tug and we went up to them. At first a few of them were interested in our QuEST survey. Before we finished though, they asked us to stop talking about that stuff. Then one of the guys asked me to keep going because "this is the kind of thing that could change my life." So I sat and talked to him while everyone else talked to Dana. We went through the four spiritual laws and talked for over an hour. He was concerned that he knew he was sinning so he didn't understand God would forgive him of anything. The Spirit definitely touched him though, and he understood that Christ does save him. The whole time he kept telling me how he felt so different and so good--it was the Holy Spirit for sure. I prayed with him for me and for him, and tears came to his eyes as he realized God's awesomeness. We prayed more together, both him and I aloud, then silently he prayed to have Christ in his life. He hugged me and told me to write down my name, then he said, "I'm going to put this in my wallet so 20 years from now I can look at it and say that this is the guy that changed my life." He did understand, though, that it wasn't me but God working through me, and he felt the presence of God in both of us. I saw him again today and he told me he had been praying a lot for Christ in his life for forgiveness and guidance. Praise Almighty God, and I look forward to seeing him in Heaven.

Story of #87

Kaitlin

University of VA

During Big Break, my friend Ashley and I were walking down the beach, we came upon a couple so we gave them tickets to the \$1,000 shot. They agreed to take a QUEST survey. We started talking to the couple, and they jokingly suggested their friend was the one who needed the help. I went over to him and attempted to ask him the questions on the survey as well. He didn't seem interested so I went back over to Ashley and the couple. He then called me back over saying, "I thought I was gonna do some survey." So I went back over to him and began asking him the questions. His answer to the first question "What is the most important thing in your life right now?" was seeing his brother again. His brother died 2 years ago. I asked him how he thought he might be able to see him

again, and he blew the question off. At that point it seemed like everyone we were talking to left, including that guy, so we got up and started down the beach again. As we were walking back to the \$1,000 shot, he recognized us and said he hadn't gotten to finish the survey. He was afraid that God wouldn't forgive the bad things he had done in the past. At that point, we shared our personal testimonies about our pasts, including things we currently struggle with. Again, he brought up his brother. He began to tear up, and I asked him how sure he was that his brother was in heaven. He said that he was absolutely positive. I asked him how sure he was that if he died today that he would go to heaven, and I listed a few percentages. He said, "Probably 72%." I told him that I was 100% sure I was going to heaven and explained to him why I thought that. I then asked him if he wanted to be 100% sure also. He said yes, and we prayed with him to receive Christ. He was earnestly sincere in his answers, and we exchanged contact information. He said that he would e-mail me as soon as he got home. Praise God for another brother!!!!

Story of #88

Cody

Slippery Rock University

I was walking back from the pier after sharing with some men, when a guy ran up to me and asked for some chew... i said i didn't have any and my friends started talking to him about God... as that was going on another guy approached me and asked for a cig... Eventually we started talking about his life, and i asked the question, well what is next in your life... what do u want most... and he answered direction... from that point on i started bringin the truth hard, i told him that if he put Jesus on the throne of his life that HE will direct his life and make it complete. I went through the 4 spiritual laws booklet with him and we read the prayer together! praise God... and as i walked away some girls approached him and wanted to share... but he immediately told them that he had just been saved!!! and that he was going to share with his drunk friend that asked me for the chew!! welcome him into the kingdom of heaven!!!

Story of #89

Robert

University of Virginia

I was on Big Break in Panama City Beach and was out of the beach sharing. I approached a few guys about answering some questions about God. Some had already been surveyed and some weren't interested. I turned to move on, when a guy said, "hey, I'll do it." I turned to him and we

began going through the questions. Through conversation, I learned that he believed in the Lord but didn't feel he was connected with God. I told him that he definitely could be connected to God. Over the next thirty minutes we went through the four spiritual laws and talked about God. Reaching the end of the four laws, I asked what he thought. Agreeing with all that we had gone over, he seemed ready to ask God into his heart. I asked him if he wanted Christ in his life and he said yes. We prayed there on the beach and he accepted Christ into his life. After exchanging contact information, I said goodbye to a new brother in the body of Christ. Pray for him, he now has the contact info of a staff member in his area, Columbus, Ohio.

Story of #90

Ramsey

Virginia Tech

After three days of evangelism on the beaches at Big Break, I hadn't gotten to talk to anyone that hadn't heard anything about Christianity before. So before I went out to the beach on the fourth day, I prayed that God would give me someone that truly needed to hear. Sure enough the first group my friend Cori and I went to, there were 2 guys and 2 girls. One of the girls was an atheist simply because she had not heard anything about religion or God before. I was then able to go through the Four Laws booklet with the two girls and explained to them that the only thing needed to experience a relationship with God was to accept Jesus. When I got to the prayer at the end of the booklet, I gave a super short version of my testimony and how I prayed the same prayer. I then invited her to do the same with me while I prayed for her. She accepted and she will now be joining us all in heaven.

Story of #91

Megan and Alyse

NC State

We had been sharing on the beach all day. We had gotten into a few good spiritual conversations and given out all of our Knowing God Personally Booklets. We even had people stopping and asking for another copy of the booklets. We decided to use the rest of the afternoon to pass out free bottles of water on the beach. We walked as long as we could handle, not really passing anyone about a mile down the beach. We came up to a young girl sitting alone on the beach. We just told her we were from Campus Crusade and we were wondering if she wanted a bottle of water. Our intention was just to say have a great day and walk on, we didn't have any more booklets so we had kind of had the mindset that our sharing was over. But the Lord had other plans. We

could not just walk away so we asked her the quest survey questions. Her answers opened doors to more conversation. She expressed the desire to be forgiven for her sins and to learn how to pray. She said she knew that was what she wanted but she said she didn't know how. As we said we had no book but we did have a satisfied booklet. So we began recalling as much as we could from memory and sharing our hearts with her. We used the back of the satisfied booklet to write out diagrams. She comes from a family with a Buddhist member, a Jehovah witness grandmother, Baptist mother, and Atheist father. Our first thought was well she is definitely not going to listen to anything we had to say but she DID listen to what the Lord had to say. We talked to her about how to pray, shared scripture with her and we prayed with her. And she prayed to receive Christ. We exchanged emails and she even offered her cell phone number to get together later in the week to have lunch. We have one more day and we are still praying for Ashley that we will have that opportunity to talk with her more. But we have complete faith that the Lord will provide growth for our new sister in Christ. This experience was a living breathing example that people come to Christ through Him alone not people or booklets. It was only by the Holy Spirit that we were able to recall scripture and the four points almost word for word, when we didn't have it memorized. Please be praying for her. She is 17 years old and she is homeschooled and lives in Panama City Beach, FL. Praise God!!!

Story of #92 & 93

Taylor

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Down at Big Break in Panama City Beach, my friend Jenn and I went out on the beach to do some Quest surveys. We approached two girls playing football and they agreed to take the survey, but since we were OUT I just prayed to remember the questions on it! After talking through the survey for a long time, we found out that the one girl had gone to church growing up and knew about God and the other one didn't really want to talk about it. During this time another friend came up. We eventually got to go through the Knowing God Personally booklet with them. At the part with the two circles, I thought they might say they were in the Right circle even though I was pretty sure they weren't. I prayed for God to reveal where their heart really was, and sure enough- they said the left Circle! They then said they would rather be in the RIGHT! We read through the prayer and they prayed right there on the beach to receive Christ!! Praise the Lord for two new sisters!

Story of #94

Taylor

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

I was at Big Break in Panama City Florida and we were doing a "1000 Dollar Shot". I went on the other side of the court so that I could be in the sun (a total selfish reason). A girl came and sat next to me and we started talking. We found out that we went to the SAME college, which was 22 hours away and lived on the SAME street! WOW God! She was actually staying at the same hotel as us so I asked her if she had done a Quest survey yet and she hadn't. So we went through go through part of the survey and having a personal relationship with Jesus came up. She said she had never heard of that before. SO it was a perfect opportunity to share the Gospel! We went through the Knowing God Personally booklet and after reading through the prayer she said it was what she wanted in her life! We prayed on the beach together and she prayed to receive Christ!!! Praise the Lord!!

Story of #95

Peter

Campbell University

I went with three other friends down to club La Vela at Big Break and were just walking around and trying to get a convo going with one of the many people there on the beach enjoying the concert. So as I walked sorta of frustrated down the beach I noticed 2 guys and a girl just sitting on the beach just drinking and relaxing, and I motioned for my friends that we should go talk to them. So we started talking to them and I asked if we could sit down and join them and they said it was fine. Well immediately I began talking to the guy in the chair. We continued to chat while his friends tried to get him to go over to the concert. As we continued talking over the next hour we talked about God, heaven & hell, Jesus, and the love that He has for us. Well later on his friends all got up and left and so it was just him and me and so I asked him if he wanted to not go to hell for eternity and want the love of God in his heart and his life that can only come from God. Well he immediately told me yes he would want to do that. So we prayed with each other on the beach, and I gave him one of the new testaments Bibles, and he gave me his information. And what makes this even more of a God thing is that the night before I had prayed in our group session that I just wanted to be used by God whether planting seeds, watering seeds, or sowing seeds. I just wanted to be used by God however He wanted to use me. And then I got to talk to him, who was my first person that God has ever used me to bring to Christ. And it was just amazing that the next day after I had asked for God to use me,

He answered my prayer and did exactly that. So let the praise be to God!

Story of #96

Nick Candler

Indiana State University

There has been a guy coming to the meetings for the last couple of weeks. After the meeting this week we all went to the commons (eating area) on campus. Before the meeting today I felt like I was getting attacked by the devil. So I prayed some things out and it was all good. Anyway we walk in the place to sit down and normally I will sit with everyone but this time me and him just sat down by ourselves. It was weird I didn't even think about it. It was like God just sat us down and we started talking like there was not another person in the place but us. We talked for a while and God was giving him understanding of why Jesus died. It all just began to make sense to him. So i didn't tell him to repeat after me some prayer but let him pray from his heart out of the understanding that he received. Then I prayed for him and the Holy Spirit moved powerfully. He said he felt really good and another brother said "do whatever it takes to keep that and don't let it leave." I really am so blessed to be entrusted with the Gospel. In 1 Thess. 2:4 it says "...we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts." It has been my own conviction that I have taken the entrusting of the gospel lightly. I believe it is not about stepping out of your comfort zone but making your zone bigger. I pray that whoever is reading this that God would awaken a groan within you to wrestle in the secret place for a deeper revelation of who God is and the zeal He has for His name.

Story of #97

Abraham

Oregon State University

We just got done with our EPIC meeting, and couple of us decided to go to Sharis - to talk, eat, and fellowship. I sat by a guy and asked him out of the blue while we were waiting for our food: What would you say if God was your judge and he asked you why you deserve to go to heaven? He was speechless and had no answer. After thinking a bit, he said something about volunteering in the community and his slight church background; it seemed as if he thought salvation was by works. I was able to share the gospel and he decided to pray to receive Christ at Sharis in a corner booth, which held all 9 or 10 of us. It was awkward to have spiritual conversations with the side chattering and the

restaurant ambience, but God still moved in my friend. God is good.

Story of #98

Stacey

Clemson University

My little sister is 15 years old. And she has always looked up to me, my lifestyle, my personality. Even before I was a Christian. So after i was saved, she was the only one who was receptive in my family. She would actually listen and was interested in what i had to say about God. So every time i went home, we would always have really good discussions. She started asking me for one of my old Bibles, and some christian music. And last weekend she went on a youth retreat with some of her friends. She came back from it overjoyed. She called me up and told me she was a christian. She said things like, "it was the best weekend of my life," "i never understood you when you talked about being saved, but now i completely understand," "ive never felt more content or joy in my life," "i saw a play about how Christ's love is unconditional and i started crying, and i realized i wanted to love him back," "some of my friends just got in a circle and prayed for 45 min, and i joined them and it was awesome," and "its like it just clicked." I was so happy i was about to cry for her. I made her promise not to lose this passion or desire for God. I told her it was easy to feel this way on a retreat with speakers, worship, and other christians. I told her to promise me she would pray tonight and read the Bible. She said "I promise! I promise!"

Story of #99

Susan

University of Toledo

Every since I heard about Student2Student I knew just the person I would begin to pray for and talk to. She and I had become friends freshman year and have stuck pretty close every since.

Just last semester she started coming to some CRU meetings and going to church also. She said it was something she wanted to learn more about. She was really seeking and I was really excited to be there for her along the way. She was very open to talking about spiritual things and really was beginning to form a desire to know God.

During the spring semester I started a bible study and she and some of my other friends that were in her same spiritual situation. We went through one part of the 4 laws each week. Right off the bat I noticed she had such a

teachable heart, and was serious about learning more about her savior.

When it came to the 4th week she couldn't come. However, she was willing to meet with me one on one. I was so excited and nervous at the same time. I went through and reviewed the other 3 laws we had already talked about. Then I showed her the two circles and asked her which she thought she was. She wasn't sure... she said "I don't know if you can ever be sure." I told her you could be sure! I shared with her some of my testimony and then asked if she'd like to pray an acceptance prayer to be sure. She said yes! So we prayed and now I know she is my sister in Christ.

God has totally blown me away by all that He has done. I encourage you to have confidence in who you pray for, cuz God will work. She was out there seeking for something real and I know there are more like her :)

Story of #100

Ryan

Valparaiso University

First off, I want to say that this person did not come to Christ at all on my merit. It never is on our merit, but...I'll just tell the story. Anyways, this girl that I have only met a few times from a different college somehow got my AIM screen name and started talking to me on IM. It was really weird, because I think it was our very first conversation on IM that she just poured her heart out to me how she felt so alone and how God didn't love her and God was rejecting. I told her that wasn't the case at all, and I was so passionately praying to God to break the bonds of Satan on her that I was almost crying. Well, conversations continued on IM and she would always ask me spiritual questions. I thought she was a Christian, because I remember her talking about going to church camp so I just thought she was struggling in her faith. So on my spring break I was talking to her on IM again and something struck me, and I asked her, "Have you ever accepted Jesus as your Savior?" She said, "No." So I told her to pray the prayer of salvation that I typed on the screen and that I would pray for her. She accepted Christ and is now diving into the Bible she tells me! And the thing that gets me is that the only time I really prayed for her was the time when she was pouring her heart out to me. God really does answer your prayer with power! Sometimes He just has a different clock than you. Reign in your power, Jesus!