

Next Gen Ministries

“Transplant Your Life”

IBSA
Next Gen Team

Sharing the Gospel during Spring Break

Several of our BCM groups from across Illinois are headed out to various parts of North America to spend their spring break ministering to others. This year's number of groups are the largest in the past eighteen years.

Here is a breakdown of the destinations according to the Next Gen Team's information:



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Blackburn College: ministering in the inner city of Washington, DC.

Bradley & Illinois Central: serving their peers on the beaches of Panama City Beach, FL.

Eastern Illinois University: maintenance work and ministry with residents at the Carmi Children's Home.

Illinois State University: university campus outreach in Hermosillo, Mexico.

John A Logan: maintenance work at the Carmi Children's Home.

McKendree University: assisting a church with GPS canvassing in Indianapolis.

Northern Illinois Univ.: assisting a church planter with community impact in the East St. Louis area.

Southern Illinois, Shawnee, and Southeastern: working with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans.

SIU-Edwardsville: ministering to low-income families in Memphis, TN.

Please lift these teams up in prayer as they travel and share God's love with those they encounter.

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Emmaus Center hosts Haiti Benefit Concert

College students don't have much, but they can write great songs for a good cause. Emmaus Church, an IBSA Church Plant located on the campus of Northern Illinois University, hosted a benefit show for Haiti Relief on Saturday, February 13th. It featured 7 local Christian songwriters and bands with an array of free refreshments. The show raised over 400 dollars to go to the International Mission Board and Churches Helping Churches. Over

100 college students were in attendance throughout the night, and many stayed until 2 in the morning having conversation. Every artist shared the gospel throughout their set through their songs, and in between their songs, talking about their experiences with Christ. There was prayer throughout the night and worship songs were also entered in throughout the artist's performances. It was truly glorifying to God that Chris-

tian musicians came together for the cause of Haiti and the cause of Christ.



Soularium Cards Available for Campus Evangelism



Just as sunlight illuminates a solarium, Soularium opens a window to the soul.

We live in a visual culture. Because images connect deeply with our emotions and experiences they also enable us to engage people in spiritual conversation on a deep level.

In an easily transportable packet, *Soularium* provides 50 4x6 original photographic images and 5 simple exploring questions that allow the user to engage in one-on-one spiritual conversations with non-believers. Questions explore students' desires for their life and spiritual journey and provide many bridges to dialogue about Jesus. Staff and students have found that not only do they enjoy using it, but non-believers do as well. Easy to use with random students, classmates, and friends. Companion website MySoularium.com allows you (and the people you talk with) to explore further the desires and spiritual journeys expressed by students on your campus and beyond.

Your Next Gen teams has ordered several *Soularium* Card Sets for your use. Contact Serena if you would like a couple of packets to use on your campus.

Here are a few testimonials:

[Soularium]empowered students to engage in conversation...it got spiritual conversations started easier than any other tool I've seen.- Tricia in Waco

It's a barrier breaker when it comes to talking about spiritual things. It puts everyone on the same page.- Julie in Salt Lake City

The regular price per packet is around \$12. We were able to secure them for \$3, so that we could make them FREE to you.

Transitions Website Available for High School Seniors



Most of us have heard the reports about the large percentage of high school students who drop out of church once they arrive on the college campus. One of the reasons could be the difficulty that campus ministers have in connecting with incoming freshman from SBC churches. Sometimes it is just hard to find them amidst all the other students on campus.

The National BCM office has developed a website to help incoming Baptist freshman and local campus ministries find each other. A student, parent,

or youth minister can enter the information. All they need to do is go to: www.bcmcampusconnect.net and fill out the online form. The student's information is then sent to the campus ministry for the campus they will be attending.

If the student would like to search for a BCM on a particular campus, they can visit www.bcmlife.net and enter the name of the college or university. If a BCM exists on that campus, then the information related to that ministry will be available.

If you work with youth in your church

or association, please help get the word out about this important tool. Please feel free to pass this information along to youth leaders in your association. This is a great tool to use at youth gatherings as you talk to your seniors about their freshman year.

The BCMLife website also has some great resources to use with college freshman and graduating seniors.



Is Your Life Balanced?—from [leadership devo@newsletter.tyndale.com](mailto:leadership_devo@newsletter.tyndale.com)

Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. Luke 2:52

A balanced life is characterized by order, peace, and wholeness. The various parts of life are as they should be and where they should be. Each part of the balanced life gets the right amount of time and effort at the right time. It's not giving each part of life the same amount of time that makes life balanced; it's giving each part the necessary allotment of time.

The life of Jesus is an excellent model concerning balance. Throughout his life, Jesus was under constant pressure. Friend and enemy alike pursued him.

Yet, when examining his life as recorded in Scripture, one sees that he never hurried, that he never had to play catch up, and that he was never taken by surprise. He managed time well, bringing it under control, because he knew the importance of balance. Jesus' life was well rounded. He grew intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially.

Does your life reflect a balance? Do you make time for intellectual growth? If you are too busy to read a book or engage in study that stimulates the mind, you are too busy. Do you make time for physical health? Many people burn out because of improper personal maintenance. Don't be another fatality on the emotional highway. Take care of your

physical self. Do you make time for your relationship with God? Do you feel too busy for prayer, Bible study, meditation, or devotions? Psalms 46:10 can be translated, "Take time and know that I am God." A popular hymn gives this advice: "Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord . . . Take time to be holy, the world rushes on," but do we do it? Do you make time for primary relationships? Is adequate time provided for your spouse, family, and friends?

Only you can answer those questions honestly. And, only you can take the necessary steps to bring order, harmony, and balance back in your life. Start today.

Summer Missions Opportunities Still Available

This is just a friendly reminder about summer missions opportunities for your students. The application deadline is not until the middle of April, but the spots are on a first-come-first-serve basis, so it pays to get your stuff in early. I'm already receiving confirmation emails from students who will be serving in Illinois this summer. There are spots available in every state and a variety of things to do. Your students can visit www.answerthecall.net for more information and a list of ministry sites.

We have some great opportunities for students to serve in Illinois as well. Here are some of the of places they can serve .

Sandy Creek Association

Sandy Creek Association is made up of 32 churches in West central Illinois. It covers five counties along the Illinois River.

Many of the churches in this area are small but have a desire to reach their community and see the youth and children of their congregation grow in their

faith. Summer missionaries will have the opportunity to impact these communities through leadership in VBS, sports camps, associational children's camps, and associational youth camps.

Summer missionaries will be able to use their gifts in recreation, athletics, music, and Bible teaching. The association is also home to a Hispanic Ministry, so Spanish language skills would be an added bonus.

Columbia, IL - children's ministry.

The mission of FBC Columbia is to worship Jesus Christ, grow together in Christ, and impact the world through Christ. The Children's Ministry wants to help the church accomplish these goals. The Children's Ministry seeks to reach children and families of the community with the gospel of Christ. They also seek to guide families in spiritual growth and active church participation.

During the summer, the Children's Ministry provides many opportunities for outreach through sports camps, Vacation Bible School, Kid's Day Out,

and Children's Camp. They encourage discipleship through Sunday School and a Wednesday night family worship service.

The student missionaries will participate in all aspects of Children's Ministry. They will help reach out to the community, teach lessons, disciple children, present the gospel, and build relationships. The student missionaries will have the opportunity to work with a great church staff as well as be mentored along the way by growing Christians. The students will be challenged to use their spiritual gifts and take on tasks they may have never done. The students will be on mission with the church to help reach children and families with the gospel and disciple those already attending.



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Campus Minister's Retreat

Who are your colleagues in the field of Campus Ministry?

Do we face the same joys and struggles?

What have they been doing on campus that you might want to try?

What have you learned this year that could help someone else in their ministry?

What kinds of resources are out there that you can use in your ministry?

Can't we all just get together and talk about this stuff?

YES WE CAN!

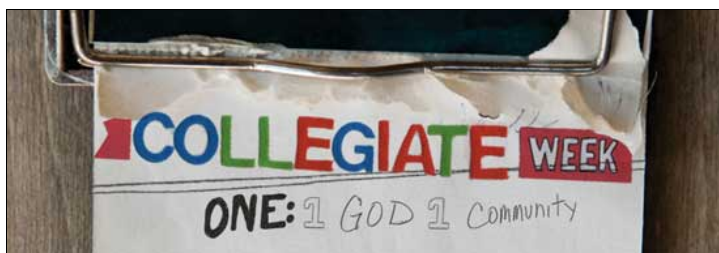
Mark your calendars for April 30-May 1 and plan to join the rest of the Next Gen team for a retreat designed especially for you.

We will gather together in either **Champaign** or **Springfield** and spend our time sharing insights from the past year, praying together, and playing together. It will be a great time to get our whole team in one place to build a sense of community. It is the prayer of the Next Gen Team that this time will help us to be a more effective team in reaching our college students for Christ and developing disciples and leaders.

We have tried to pick a time that is near the end of the semester so as not to interrupt your ministry plans and also give you time to meet with your student leaders in planning for Fall 2010.

For more information, please contact Jim Smith at jimsmith@ibsa.org.

Collegiate Week at Glorieta, New Mexico



At Collegiate Week, college students are disciplined and immersed in biblical teaching just before the fall semester begins. As we pour into students they are encouraged to go home and impact their campuses for Christ.

Leaders love Collegiate Week, too! As a training event for leaders, you'll have a great opportunity to

network, share experiences, and continue learning how to reach college students in your community and on your campus.

Meet us in beautiful Glorieta, NM to relax in the mountains and reconnect with your students before the craziness of the fall semester begins. The students will be able to worship God and make new friends as they gather with thousands of other college students for this conference.

Date: August 8-13, 2010

Place: Glorieta, New Mexico

Theme: One (Community)



Cost: \$58 program fee, plus lodging and food. Call 1.800.797.422 for full details.

Go to: <http://threadsmedia.com/collegiateweeks> for more information.