

News of the Harvest!

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Greetings FCA Family,

There is no way that I can possibly describe in words what occurred the night of June 19th, 2008. I will give you a glimpse, yet until you experience such an outpouring of his manifest presence, you cannot hope to truly understand.

There is God's omni-presence, which he speaks of when he says, "I shall never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb 13:5). There is also his manifest presence, which is detailed in scriptures like 1 Kings 8:11 and Ex 43:34-35. It is most often in this manifest presence when lives are irrevocably transformed for eternity. That is what happened on the 19th. We took several of our leaders on a retreat to separate themselves from the world and pursue God from June 18-20 (It always seems to be on such an occasion that the Lord will manifest himself so powerfully). On Thursday night we began worshipping, praying, and learning about the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God fell so powerfully and all but one of the kids was filled with the Holy Spirit in a way that we could see and hear! They began to literally scream at the top of their lungs to God. One boy literally could not stand and he fell to his knees weeping uncontrollably. Another boy pumped victorious fists to God raising his voice in triumph. One girl had tears streaming down her face as she smiled ear to ear. All over the room kids were weeping, falling out, and screaming praises to God. God then continued to show off as a magnificent thunderstorm rolled in. The kids ran outside in the rain and ran, danced, and jumped before the Lord (see 2 Sam 6:14-22 for a comparison). We watched the thunderstorm for a long while as it began to move on. As the rain refreshed the ground, the Holy Ghost refreshed our spirits! Even the next morning the kids continued to weep and glorify God in Worship. One boy was on his face praying for an hour. He said, "I was just praying for everyone I knew, except I wasn't saying their names, but I knew it was each one of them that I was praying for." One girl asked for the video saying, "I don't know how I'll ever explain this to those I love!" The difference was staggering. It was the single greatest day of ministry that I have been privileged to be a part of since I became a Christian. I thank you so deeply for directly helping to impact eternity.

We just finished our football, track, and tennis camps for kids. 7 kids confessed the Lord Jesus for the very first time, and several kids rededicated their lives to His Lordship. We had a total of 84 campers come out to hone their athletic skills and train up the spirits in the Word of God. We kick off the 08-09 season of Leadership Locker Room this Monday night. We will continue to train up leaders for Christ that will be unleashed on their teams, schools, cities, and the world. They will have 7 weeks of intensive training before school starts. They will develop a set of tools that will make them incredibly effective in communicating Gospel truth to their peers (2 Cor 10:4). The momentum and excitement is building. Many of last years leaders are heading of to college and are intent on expanding the Kingdom of God wherever they go. When you teach a man to fish, he eats for a lifetime. When you teach a man to connect with God, he continues to serve Him for a lifetime.

Your Teammate in Christ,

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Above: Leaders from almost ten different schools in the metro area get together for our Leadership Locker Room meetings on Sunday nights. Many of them are autonomously leading very successful bible studies on their teams and campuses. God is uniting our city under the banner of HIS NAME!

Below: A recent prayer walk yielded specific fruit 3 days after we prayed! Pictured from right: Jen Pulscher (Liberty HS), Sean Springate (Wasson HS), Anna Eskew (CO Springs Christian School), Logan Brandt (Pine Creek HS), and Ryan Carter (that's me ☺). Jen said in an e-mail 3 days later, "I just can't believe how fast the prayer walk worked!! It was amazing to watch!!!"