



# THE PENTONS' PROGRESS

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May consisted of Assemblies, Comeback events, Baccalaureates and support raising!

## NE Ohio School Tour

In Early May, Joel and Ryan travelled to NE Ohio for nine assemblies sponsored by New Life Technical Institute. New Life is a small technical school started by a Christian business man as a way to reach out and give back to the community. It gives students who chose not to attend a 4-year college a chance to receive great job specific training at an extremely low cost. Students not only are given tools for a great professional future but they are also presented with The Gospel which can impact them eternally. New Life underwrote the cost of the assemblies and Joel endorsed and promoted them to thousands of local high school students at the end of each talk. It was exciting to partner with such a great organization in the schools.



Most of the schools were invited back to the evening comeback event at Salem High School. The event went well and was especially exciting because it served as a jump-starter for the new FCA group at Salem. It is great to partner with a group that will be there right away to follow-up with students and help them grow in their walk with Christ in the school setting where they go every day.



## Lucas Comeback



Joel sharing about Jesus in Lucas, OH

On Wednesday, May 13th, all 5 of us (Ryan, Emily, Joel, Little Joel and me) ventured out to Lucas, OH for an evening comeback event. Joel and Ryan had been to Lucas the previous week to share with the high school, the middle school, the elementary school, the high school football team, and an evening community prayer service. At all of the engagements, Joel and Ryan were able to promote the upcoming evening event.

The night of the event was turned out to be very gloomy and pouring down rain so we were shocked to see almost 300 people pack the small gymnasium! The students had tons of energy and were very excited about the event. Joel and Ryan felt great about the presentation and 140 commitments to Christ were made! One student wrote to us,

"I have been going through hard times lately with my friends in temptations, (but) your message helped me a lot. Thanks so much for everything! You guys are amazing."

Praise God for the opportunity to be a part of this awesome ministry!

Until next month ,

*-Bethany Penton*

## Please Pray For...

- Summer Camps
- Fall Bookings
- A Unique Opportunity (See Below)

## Message From Joel

Teammates,

It's finally summertime and the hectic school year is behind us. Looking back, we feel good about what God did in our lives and in our ministry over the past nine months. Bethany and I were blessed with the birth of our son almost 5 months ago. We also were able to share the Gospel with more people than the year before. Thank you for your prayers and your faithful support.

Moving forward we have some exciting things in the works. Not long ago, my regional supervisor, Ryan and I met with representatives from the FCA National Home Office. We proposed that they partner with us to make "Stand Your Ground," our school assembly program, a national FCA ministry. The Home Office was very receptive and wants to move forward with the idea. This summer we will be working on plans for the national program as well as setting up a few test runs for next school year. If all goes according to plan we may begin traveling nationwide to serve the hundreds of FCA field staff across the country. This step forward would present us with some incredible opportunities as well as some major challenges. Please pray for wisdom and God's blessing. We will keep you updated on new developments.

God Bless,

*- Joel*