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In December we were able to go back to some schools we visited in the fall and follow-up the assemblies with outreach concerts!

Centerburg



Some crazy students at Centerburg

This month Joel got to work with an old friend of ours in Centerburg, Ohio. Ami Stevens, a former OSU volleyball player, was involved in Athletes In Action with us when Joel and I were dating in College. We were excited to find out that she was teaching at Centerburg High School and of course looking for a way to impact the students for Christ. It was great to work with Ami again and the comeback concert went really well. Ami is now working to follow-up with many of the students who were impacted at the event. One student emailed us afterwards and said,

"I had so much fun at the concert and met a lot of new people. I am so glad that God is forgiving. I thought he would never take me back but here I am with Him and I am so happy and thankful for that."

Praise God for this student's changed life!

Mohawk

Also this month, we were able to hold both an assembly and a comeback concert at Mohawk Schools in Sycamore, Ohio. Actually, one of our ministry supporters contacted a Mohawk school board member to make it happen. Joel III and I attended the assembly since it was pretty near home. We were impressed with how refined the presentation has become (well, I was). I made a video of the drive to the assembly: <http://blip.tv/file/2969796>

Here is a quote from one of the students who attended the concert:

"You have helped me build a better relationship with God, and I would like to thank you. You guys have inspired me so much that I can't explain it!!"



Ryan in the foreground and Joel in the background sign autographs in a sea of students

May God bless you all as you begin this new year. We pray that Jesus will receive glory from your life as you live it for Him.

Until next month ,

-Bethany Penton

Please Pray For...

- God to be glorified in everything we do
- Safe Travel
- Late winter and spring bookings

Message From Joel

Teammates,

People always ask us how long we plan on traveling and sharing the Gospel with students like we do. Our answer is usually something like, "I don't know, at least a few more months." The truth is, our priority is not to follow grand dreams of taking the youth speaking world by storm and becoming the next big thing for school assemblies and outreach events all across the country. Our priority is the Kingdom of God and we believe the most strategic thing for us to do for the Kingdom is to reach non-Christian students with the Gospel from the platform of school assemblies. As soon as we become convinced that we can better serve God by doing something else, we will make the change. In the meantime, we will try to be the most effective youth evangelists we can be.

Please pray for us. Pray that we would continue to step through the doors God opens for our ministry. Pray also that we would have wisdom to make the best decisions for our role in God's Kingdom.

God Bless,

- Joel

