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In December Joel had some interesting travel experiences through some crazy weather for a few weeks of ministry before we slowed down for the holidays.



Ryan and the students have jam session at Aurora

Aurora Evening Event

Near the beginning of December all 4 of us were able to travel to Aurora, OH for our last evening event of 2008. The students of Aurora were extremely helpful and attentive. Joel and Ryan connected with the students well, as always, and Ryan had a fun time involving the students in a song of his (see pic). One student commented to us,

"Thank you. I enjoyed tonight and honestly I want to get more involved with God and Jesus. Tonight I'm gonna ask my dad if we can start going to church, and I'm actually going to attend FCA at my school. Again, thank you."

Wow! How awesome! Despite the cold, we had a great time in Aurora.

Put-In-Bay School

On Dec 9th, Joel travelled by ground and water to the island of South Bass where he spoke to Put-in-Bay school, located in Lake Erie. This was the smallest school he has ever presented to at around 40 students for grades 7-12. Joel learned all about the culture of the island while eating at the island's only open restaurant. He was told about the island's population (about 400), snowmobiles, golf carts, plane trips to and from school (for students on neighboring islands)

and an economy very dependent upon tourism. Joel also learned that the peer pressure amongst the students on the island is amplified due to such small numbers. Fortunately, he was able to address this problem a little bit as he got some quality time with the students during a Q and A session after the assembly.

NY FCA Lacrosse all-nighter

Joel had one of his longest journeys yet as he made a one-way six hour drive to New York for an FCA lock-in. Joel spoke to the boys three times in short increments. The Gospel was made clear to the students who were mostly non-Christians. Thankfully, the weather wasn't too horrible and Joel had a safe six hour ride back in the middle of the night!



Me nine months pregnant

Please Pray For...

- Baby Joel's Arrival
- Winter and Spring Bookings
- The Follow-up System

Message From Joel

Teammates,

It is almost time for us to welcome a new addition to our family. Hopefully the baby comes very soon because I don't think Bethany can take this pregnancy any longer. I hear her constantly talking to our unborn son, begging him to come out. She also has insisted that every time I pray, even before all our meals, that I must pray for the baby to come soon. Please pray for us as we prepare for this new stage of life. I hear that it will be a bit of a change.

I have scheduled to spend the first few weeks of January working at home so I can be here when the baby comes. While I am taking the time off of traveling, I am working on improving our follow-up system. With some hard work and the help of technology we hope to take a big step forward in helping new believers begin their walk with Christ. Please pray that we will be able to do every possible to aid our scattered church partners who take on the task of discipling these new Christians.

Thanks for everything!

Until next month ,

-Bethany Penton

God Bless,

- Joel

