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## MISSION NEWS

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Dear Praying Friends,

"I hate God!"

Thelma yelled that at our Booktable Team in the Wm. Paterson University Student Center.

But that same God one week later drew Thelma to the WPU Christian Fellowship Thanksfest and she "just happened" to sit at the same table where my wife and I were sitting!!! After the meeting I gave her a copy of the booklet Three Kinds Of Love (my favorite!) and then Thelma asked if she could meet with me the following week!!! So this week Thelma came to our Large Group Meeting and the first words out of her mouth were: "I don't agree with this booklet". As we talked I realized that what she disagreed with was the idea that there could even be a God who would give the "in spite of" kind of love!! She told me of the suffering in her life and the rejection of her by her Mom and sister. They had actually told her that when she tried to commit suicide, they were disappointed she was not successful!!!! That gives you some kind of idea as to why she could not believe that there was a heavenly Father who would forgive her and love her. When I explained the gospel to her and even told her of the parable of the Forgiving Father (prodigal son), she began to weep and in the hallway outside of our meeting room, she prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior!! When we went into the meeting--which was already under way--I introduced everyone to our NEW SISTER IN CHRIST!! Everyone cheered! And then something more happened that affirmed Thelma. There was only one seat left--and that was in the front row! When she sat down, Lauren (sitting next to her) put her arm around her and gave her a loving hug!!!! How fitting that Thelma received love from a new sister instead of the hatred she was used to from her biological sister!

ISN'T GOD GOOD?!!! Oh, by the way, after we came in, the first song we sang was "Oh How He Loves Us"!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please pray for Thelma and the two other students who received Christ as their Savior on Tues. PM!!

As the above story shows: God's Grace Is Being Lavished Upon WPU!! Our Large Groups continue to grow in attendance (a high this week of 120!!!) so that we are now the largest and most active student group on campus!! The staff of the food service on campus said to me after

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Thanksfest: "Your students are the best!!" This is significant because we are seeing our vision (Changed Lives, Changed Campus, Changed World) realized! We are influencing the campus so that people see our love and we then urge them to give praise to God! Please pray for the transforming power of God to continue to change the campus!

Also, growth is being seen at Fairleigh Dickinson University! A thanksgiving dinner was sponsored by the FDU Christian Fellowship which attracted many international students! They, too, experienced the love of Jesus! Please thank God for faithful student leaders and for continued growth next semester.

As this semester comes to an end I am thinking that this has been one of the most successful and joy-filled semesters in all of my years as a campus pastor!! In our tight economic situation I would like to ask you to give a year-end donation or a monthly donation to Mid-Atlantic Ministries (my employer--part of the Christian Reformed denomination) Please send donations to Mid-Atlantic Ministries, 16 E. Orchard St., Allendale, NJ 07110. Or some of you might prefer to give a gift to Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. Either way, your support is sorely needed.

Thank you for praying and supporting campus ministry in northern New Jersey!

Love in Christ, Pastor Ken