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ABBY'S CAMPUS WALKS

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Have you ever been so stunned, you literally couldn't move? Have you ever been so amazed, you couldn't do anything but drop your jaw and say, "Wow?" Has God ever so surprised you, you didn't even know where to start counting your blessings?

If so, you know the truth of what I'm saying! God has blessed this new ministry at DU in ways I **never** expected! I thought last fall was an amazing start, but now things are so amazing, so wonderful, I am honestly finding myself at a loss for words.

Let me try to help you see what's been happening. Coming back from our 6-week winter break, I was a little nervous. How many of the students I'd met with last fall would return? Would I even have a group to start with on our first Tuesday night? I tried to trust, but let's just say I wasn't successful at every moment. But I started again. I planned out lessons and activities with Josh, who works with me, assuming that God would provide whom He wanted.

Then God blew my mind. Not only did a good portion of students return, but new students have flocked to us, like pigeons to have the last scrap of bread. And these students... whoa! Let's just say the defining characteristic has been **committed**. They have brought a new dedication to learn, a new passion to know God, and a new excitement in our ministry that I thought would take years of work before I saw! I have spent the last several weeks trying to juggle my schedule to meet with them all, to provide all the encouragement and leadership and guidance I could. Though busy, I have been so, *so* happy to see God's blessings poured out in such a tangible way!

The most moving moment, however, happened with a girl named Katie. When we met, she told me how she had been raised

in a very atheistic family, and considered herself for most of her life to be an atheist. Now a baby Christian, she confessed how deeply lonely she was, as her boyfriend was the only Christian friend she had. Most importantly, she told me how much she wanted to know God better. I told her the best way to know God is to start by reading the Bible, and she said with real regret that she didn't have one, and though she wanted to get one, she didn't know what kinds were good and which should be avoided. Quickly seeing a situation I could easily remedy, we hopped in the car and headed to the Christian bookstore.

Katie anxiously sought my advice as we flipped through Bible after Bible. Then, in the car afterwards, she was simply agog. There literally aren't words to describe the glow on her face as she held her own Bible. Her passion, her joy in admiring it, turning the pages, finding stories she'd only heard of, left me thoroughly in awe. I never imagined the depth of the joy she felt simply by owning a Bible she could read and trust.

This was only one step, one moment in Katie's walk with God. He is growing her in amazing ways. Every time we meet, the questions spring out of her, revealing her eagerness to know God more. Her zeal and dedication to grow in her walk re-energizes me as I meet with so many students. That energy is essential as I strive to meet so many who don't know Christ. God is working miracles in Katie's life, and not only hers, but in all of us.

Who among
the gods is like
you, LORD?
Who is like
you—majestic
in holiness,
awesome in
glory, working
wonders? –
Exodus 15:11



Enjoy these
pictures from
our trip snow
tubing in Fraser,
Colorado!



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ABBY'S PRAYER CORNER

You've just read my update, so you so know how YOUR PRAYERS ARE WORKING! Please keep praying for us, as these new days are exciting, filled with growth, and opportunities to see God in new ways!

- **PRAISE GOD** for what He has done, is doing, and will continue to do! He has given me students to reach, students to grow with, and students to lead. Though I have been faithful to what God has called me to do, I know He has brought this increase!
- **PRAISE GOD** for the miracles He is working in my students' lives. His touch is so clear to me in so many ways, big and small.
- **PRAISE GOD** for the excellent turn out we had for tubing! Seven of us from DU joined 10 others from CU, growing closer together as we made memories in all the snow!
- **PRAY** for Katie, as she continues to grow in her new faith. She is learning so quickly, and she's always full of questions. Pray also for her family, whom she longs to have share her faith in Christ. Note: Katie's mom just recently started asking questions, and even joined her for church! Praise God for the miracles He is working!
- **PRAY** for this new community God has given, that they may be united not only by their faith in Christ, but by a passion to share God's love with others on campus who desperately need to know Jesus.
- **PRAY** for new students who have started coming in the last few weeks. We are attracting not only more

Christians, but more and more students who are curious to know God and understand what it means to be a Christian. Pray that God will open their hearts and minds, that we may be used to help them know how Jesus can change their lives for the better!

- **PRAY** for Kacey, another Christian student who is struggling in her friendships. Pray that she sees the beautiful person God has created her to be, not the negative image she has grown up with in her atheist family.
- **PRAY** for Matt, who wants to know God, but needs to allow Him access to all areas of his life, mind, heart, body and soul.
- **PRAY** for Josh, as he works to finish his doctorate. Pray that God continues to move mountains in his school and work.
- **PRAY** for me, as I struggle to balance the things I want to do as this ministry blossoms, with the rest I need to take to stay energized for work. I literally want to dance my way through every day, as things are going so well. Pray that I don't forget to stop and allow God to handle what I can't, so I'm ready to serve where He needs me. Pray that I can stay faithful in all circumstances, and that I stay ready to worship Him for His goodness and blessings!

I pray you'll know the depth of God's blessings as you choose to wholeheartedly serve Him. Thanks for reading!

In His love,

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We were joined on our trip by the CA ministry from Boulder, giving my students new friends and a great opportunity to see a community in action!

