

February 29, 2012

Dear friends and partners,



"Point your kids in the right direction — when they're old they won't be lost." Proverbs 22:6 The Message

"Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation." Romans 10:1

Another month has come and gone as we continue on this journey of faith and grace. We pray that you and your family are well and "pressing on" in your pursuit of God and His purposes for your lives. May the Lord help us all to "...Run in such a way that you (I) may win." I Corinthians 9:24

In our work with students, we encounter a diverse group of young people: proud (often hard-hearted) atheists, questioning (perhaps seeking) agnostics and some strong (passionate) Christians. Every student's "life story" is unique and a function of their family background and their personal choices. Its been said that "We all have freedom of choice, but not freedom from consequence."

In mid February, I met Andrew, a Senior Industrial Engineering major at Georgia Tech, through one of our female student leaders who is quite evangelistic. This young woman had spoken with Andrew about faith and felt like I might be better suited to minister to him in light of some of the questions he had about issues in his life. During our meeting, Andrew shared with me about having a strong Christian upbringing (and a devout—praying mother). However, during his teen years he had really gone away from God through various life choices. As I listened, I thought of my own life story and perceived that Andrew, like myself as a Senior at GT, was at a turning point in life. He seemed "open" to surrendering to Jesus as his Lord and Savior. I challenged him to think about our conversation and about where he was at in life.

A few days later, Andrew and I met again. I shared with him about the grace of God that "kicks in" in our lives when we fully submit to Christ. We discussed Jesus' parable about the wise and foolish house builders in Luke 6 and Jesus' challenge, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" Luke 6:46 I sensed the Holy Spirit convicting Andrew and he decided he was ready to surrender to Jesus and His will. So, Andrew and I prayed together and the Lord has done (and is doing) a great work of conversion in his life. Andrew is reading his Bible and has begun to meet with myself (and others) for discipleship and spiritual growth. PLEASE PRAY for him as the Lord has a tremendous calling on his life. Truly, it's hard to "outrun" the prayers of a Godly mother!

We greatly appreciate your partnership with us through <u>prayer</u> and <u>financial support</u>. Your "helping hands" are providing legs to our feet in "Going to make disciples" on the university campus! May the Lord bless and multiply your giving and please let us know if we can be of service.

Your campus missionaries,

Bart, Michelle & the Jones kids



## **Congratulations!**

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"I gave my life to Christ three years ago after meeting Bart Jones while a Sophomore. When we first met, our conversation caused me to question my knowledge of the Bible and helped me understand the unique message of salvation the Bible conveys. He introduced me to other Christians on the Georgia Tech campus from Global Outreach (GO) and later Chi Alpha. I have realized that indeed Jesus is alive and with us through Christians, who are perpetuating His acts of compassion, love and righteousness. Moreover, I desire to base my faith on the Bible and grow in Jesus. Through my involvement in campus ministry, I have got exposed to phenomenal people who encouraged me to do more for Christ. I have participated in evangelism and fellowship. These moments spent with my friends in Christ have been invaluable in helping me know more about myself and encouraging me that I could do anything through Christ. Praying with Bart and other Christians on campus, helped me escape the stress of engineering and be confident that I will succeed as long as I put God first in whatever I do. Big thanks to Bart, Dale, Toby and every Christian I've met at Tech for being supportive friends. May God continue to bless every campus ministry and the fellowship they foster."



"The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous."

Proverbs 3:33