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Dear friends and partners,



"Because Jesus did..."

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them..." <u>Matthew 9:36 NKJV</u>

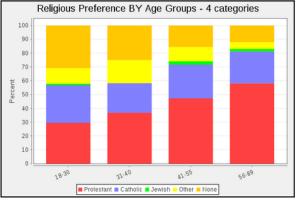
"...When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd..." <u>Matthew 9:36-37 The Message</u>



Have you ever asked yourself "What's wrong with our country?" or "Why does it seem like there is more "evil" going on today than in the past generations?" Well, the answer to these questions seems clear <u>if we are honest and objective</u> about our present society. In the words of <u>George Washington</u>, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

The General Social Survey (GSS) has been tracking trends in religious preference in the U.S. since 1972. In 1972, just 5 percent of the U.S. population answered "no religion." However, by 2012, the survey showed that <u>20 percent of Americans answered "no religion</u>." Moreover, a new milestone was reached as **more Americans between the ages of 18-30 now identify with "no religion" (31%)** than either Protestant or Catholic.

Now more than ever is the time for the Church (all of us following Jesus as Savior and Lord in our lives) to <u>get out of our "comfort zones</u>" and <u>embrace our calling as ambassadors for Christ</u> to a "needy" world. <u>Mother</u> <u>Teresa</u> once said, "*The biggest disease today isn't leprosy or cancer. It's the feeling of being uncared for, unwanted* — *of being deserted and alone.*" When asked why she spent her life rescuing sick babies and giving dignity to the dying in the poverty stricken streets of India, she replied, "**Because Jesus did.**"



May the <u>compassion and love that moved Jesus</u> and Mother Teresa to <u>take action</u> fill our hearts by the Holy Spirit. May our prayer be, "Father in Heaven use me today to "touch" those I interact with by demonstrating and sharing the love and truths of Jesus with them!" Let's believe God (and work for) the words of Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke (www.cfan.org) to be fulfilled in our generation, "America Shall be Saved!"

We greatly appreciate your partnership with us! Your <u>prayer</u> and <u>financial support</u> enables us to "invest time" in reaching and teaching university students for Jesus. Have a great month and please let us know if we can be of service.

Your campus missionaries, Bart, Michelle & the Jones kids

> "Devotion that does not issue in action is not real devotion...The rhythm of the Christian life is the alternate meeting with God in the secret place and serving men in the market place." <u>William Barclay, N.T. Scholar and Author</u>

Change the Campus...Change the World!



Lydia (far left in Royal blue dress) with students from her dorm group at SICM

In mid May, Lydia attended the Atlantic Coast SICM (*Student Institute of Campus Ministry*) held on the coast of North Carolina. This week long retreat is designed to equip *Chi Alpha Campus Ministry* small group leaders and other members with the tools necessary to reach the lost on their campuses for Jesus and to lead effective small groups. The purpose for these small groups is to develop meaningful relationships while promoting discipleship in the members' lives. These young leaders are becoming powerful Christ Ambassadors on their campus, in their future careers, and around the world.

Remarking on her SICM experience, Lydia said, "It was inspiring and life changing to be surrounded by several hundred Spirit-filled students desiring to impact their campuses for Jesus. It gives me hope for the future of our nation."