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## From Heart Movement to Campus Movement

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Leonard (left) and JJ. (right) struck up a life-long friendship in Australia this summer.

**Please pray for the success of new efforts like William Paterson, and endurance for student leaders like J.J., along with their fruit, like Leonard, that he might go back to China and be a blazing torch there!**

**As for us, please pray that we'll balance our ministry with other responsibilities.**

**Also, we are looking for a car. Pray for favor! We may also need to find other work along with Crusade for a time. Please pray for favor there too!**

## Howdy Friends!

Without obedience, it is impossible to claim one truly loves the Lord. To be in a relationship with Jesus means to display his tasty fruits of the Spirit. To be Spirit-filled ultimately means to be led and controlled by Christ's Spirit, allowing his will to override one's own. In this picture, obedience plays a huge role. Often, our own fear of people's opinions or the unknown will obstruct our fear of God. In the case of one J.J. McNamara, a 21-year-old student from William Paterson University, the shockingly encouraging results of one fully submitting his will to Christ's will are clearly displayed.

J.J. had perfect attendance at Sunday school while growing up. He remembers always being in and around church, knowing the teachings, reciting the memory verses and getting the gold star. Church life caused in him a bit of a performance mentality, where he felt he had to do things perfectly in order to do them "right."

It wasn't until eighth grade where J.J. says he "let go of being a perfectionist" and gave his heart to Christ.

"I looked to Jesus as the best friend I could trust," J.J. explained of his solitary high school years, "I had a hard time making friends. I was a loner in high school. I didn't like where my friends were at. I could go to Jesus all the time."

That lack of fellowship carried into J.J.'s years at County College of Morris, a time when he pleaded with the Lord to bring him a young church fellowship. Time passed and no group was started, nor were there many students attending his church.

After a year of avoiding his school's Campus Crusade for Christ movement, J.J. finally let go of his "I-have-class-during-your-meetings excuse" and went to one.

"Sophomore year, God cleared my schedule, and from there, it took off! I made friends, went to the meetings. I got involved in leadership and became treasurer for my remaining two years there [at County College of Morris]," J.J. explained. He went on to describe the personal growth he experienced through his active involvement.

"Crusade brought me back to the roots of the gospel. After my high school graduation, I saw no one my age [in church]. I was just going through the motions."

After graduating County College of Morris (a semester late) in Spring 2010, J.J. had the thrilling opportunity to do summer missions work in Melbourne, Australia, with Crusade—a holy experience that transformed J.J. from down under and all over.

"We worked ministry on several campuses. My training with crusade beforehand prepared me to share my faith in Australia," J.J. said.

For J.J., one of the most life-shaping adventures on the trip was seeing an international student from China, who knew hardly a thing about Jesus and Christianity, become a committed disciple of the cross!

When J.J. first shared with Leonard, "he said how lonely he was because he left his family in China, was a young freshman and didn't know good English." That first contact created a trust in Leonard for J.J. He even challenged "the American" to a his own nation's sport, basketball, which J.J. declined because "I'm just not that good."

As the trip was soon ending, J.J. made sure to write Leonard and encourage him to explore Jesus more while in Australia. J.J. came home with a fresh zeal for Jesus and an unending desire to pray for Leonard. Soon enough, he got word about where Leonard was spiritually.

"Leonard decided to enroll in Crusade's C.E. course (Christianity Explained), a discipleship class for seekers who knew nothing about Christianity," J.J. said. After the six-week course, they are challenged to decide for or against Jesus.

Leonard chose to put his faith in Christ and is now committed to staying in fellowship and growing!

"When I first met him," J.J. continued, "I knew he was interested, but he needed more, which the six-week course accomplished."

Upon his return, J.J. knew that all his learning and growth out in Australia and at County College of Morris was not in vain. He knew God had big plans at William Paterson University.

"I felt it was in God's plan to go to Willy P. The pieces just fell in place. And the biggest idea about Summer Project [the Australia missions trip] is to take the discipleship and implement it back at school."

J.J. could have very well taken the easy way out, he says, and "let someone else do it," but God divinely called him out to spark a gospel-centered movement at William Paterson. He knows it to his core. As hard as it may seem to simply launch a movement, J.J. says that going from school to school in Australia thoroughly prepared him.

"Because of Australia, I knew what to do at Willy P. The work wasn't as hard because God already prepared me there and at CCM, and he gave me the tools. God knew exactly what he was doing, especially in keeping me a semester more at CCM."

As his beginning leadership team of students and Crusade staff continue to pray and strategize, J.J. is confident that it's all in God's hands, and only by the power of the Holy Spirit will they accomplish their goals.

To fear God and not man is to follow Christ's example of obedience to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. When J.J. decided to shadow Jesus, he decided to place his will in God's will, "and we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

J.J. has already obtained fifteen of twenty-five signatures wanted to start a student-led organization at William Paterson. He's even got a faculty advisor, but he and his team still face their last obstacle: three levels of (sometimes hostile) student government to which he must present a case.

He isn't worried, of course, since he serves an all-powerful Father, but also, since, as he said, "I have a background in sales."