

Brothers In Arms

“I’d like to share something with you that is incredibly special to me. It’s a few Bible verses that talk about Jesus and what He has done for us.”

That was the simple transition in our conversation over lunch a few weeks ago as I met with McCoy and Kenny, two NIU wrestlers from Southern California.

Last month McCoy invited Kenny to an outreach we helped host on campus where Jim Munroe, a world renown illusionist, former baseball player, and Leukemia survivor shared his testimony and the Gospel with hundreds of NIU students. [Out of 7 million people in the national bone marrow donor database, doctors found one perfect blood match for Jim.]. Visit www.lamsecond.com/jimmunroe. As Jim shared his story, God moved mightily that evening! We have spent the past several weeks following up with students who attended the outreach.



So there we sat, across the table from each other as I shared my testimony of Christ’s power to change my own life along with several Bible verses about the cross, salvation, and the hope that is only found in Jesus Christ.

Heading into our time together I really thought Kenny would be the one that I would be speaking most directly to, since McCoy invited him to the outreach. As it turned out, Kenny had “prayed a prayer of invitation” back when he was in sixth grade at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp. But when I asked both men about their relationship with God they expressed doubt and complete uncertainty about eternal life with God. As with so many other people, they sighted “trying to do the best they could in life” as the basis of their hope. Well, you know where the conversation went from there!

After an hour of walking through the Scriptures and sharing more about the grace of God and our inability to please Him apart from Christ, McCoy was the one who placed his faith in Christ! And Kenny? He too was set free that day. He realized it’s not about “trying harder” but that our “good works” are a result of God’s presence and power in our lives, not a means of attaining God’s approval. Both of these young men are now faithfully engaged in our wrestling team discipleship times and are reaching out to their teammates!

YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP ARE HELPING CHANGE LIVES!

Thank you for praying for these young men and for the many others that God is allowing us to reach on campus. We thank God for you! How can we be joining you in prayer? Please feel free to use the back of the form below to share any requests or praises that we can enter into with you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY that allows us to invest the best hours of our days reaching young people like McCoy and Kenny. Every year God uses your financial gifts to help keep us fully funded and focused on the mission. As we prepare to enter the new year, we are trusting God to provide an additional \$15,000 for our ministry budget which fuels our outreach efforts. If you sense God leading you in such a way, would you prayerfully consider giving a special end of the year gift to the mission on campus?

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