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News from the Robergs' ministry with DiscipleMakers

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Two Stories of God's Word in Action

One evening at Focus (our year-end conference in May), our co-worker Amelia sat down to dinner with a group of students. Right away, the woman next to her—a rising junior at Shippensburg whom we'll call "Hope"—turned and said, "I was wondering if you could give me some advice."

Hope had recently learned that someone who hurt her deeply in high school is transferring to Shippensburg this fall. She had been thinking she would simply ignore him for the next two years, but the teaching from Ephesians at the conference was pointing a different way. Hope told Amelia that her thoughts kept returning to one question: if Christ forgave all our sins, how can we not forgive others?

As Hope shared her story, Amelia realized that Hope was not asking *whether* to forgive, but *how* to pursue reconciliation with the student who had hurt her. The teaching had already prompted a change of heart. With counsel from Amelia and others, Hope made a specific plan for obeying Christ by seeking reconciliation as far as it depended on her.

Another student who attended Focus, "Penny," is a rising senior at Gettysburg College. Like many other students, Penny has deep connections in more than one community on campus. Besides her involvement with the DiscipleMakers fellowship, she belongs to a sorority and competes as a student-athlete.

Penny attended a workshop at Focus about influencing others for Christ by *standing out* rather than *fitting in*. She told Amelia that the workshop had helped her make sense of her experience in college. She had grown, she said, in her knowledge of the Scriptures and in her willingness to make choices out of love and obedience to Christ—and as a result she had begun to lose friends. For instance, the other women on her team and in her sorority hadn't liked



Students and staff from Gettysburg College at Focus, our year-end conference in May. (Amelia is in the front row, third from the right.)

that she stopped partying with them. Penny said that the workshop had encouraged her to persevere in standing out for Christ and had given her a vision for using her influence to bring others into God's kingdom.

Praise and Prayer

- Praise God for His work in Hope and Penny, as well as in all the other students who attended Focus.
- Our co-worker Amelia is one of our newest missionaries. Praise God for raising up laborers for the harvest field, and pray for more (Matthew 9:38).
- Pray for students who face a challenge at home like the one Penny faces on campus: living faithfully for Christ among people who see the world differently. Pray that these students would love well and use their influence wisely.

Grace and peace,

Brian & Carin