



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
- 2 Corinthians 5:17



We praise God that He uses every opportunity to bring people to Himself. This is why, after a long and tiring semester, we hold a week-long conference for our students. Aptly named, our "Focus" conference is meant to focus our students on Christ and His Kingdom, and this year He used the conference to help bring home truths for a new brother in Christ!

Read his testimony below:

I learned how to truly be a Christian, in the sense of understanding what He did for us, having a relationship with Christ, being better at discipling and leading

bible studies, and also choosing what churches to be in and what denominations to believe in. Coming from a family who is half Buddhist, half (somewhat) Christian, I am excited to apply all this knowledge and share it with my family. As hard as it will be to express the topic to my elders who looks at the religion somewhat negatively because of the Vietnam War, I am willing to give all my time and strength to share the Word in the skills that I have acquired at Focus.

I expressed how helpful it has been to be able to share to my personal family about Christianity, and I believe that they can be disciples no matter how long it takes. I believe that I can do the same with my friends at home as well, especially since I do know friends who are both already lifelong Christians and those who are confident in their atheism, agnosticism, or any other religious belief.

Through Focus, I saw the Church no longer as a possible enemy which spread negative reminders for my country of the Vietnam War but as a safe home for anyone to practice the Christian belief, which I believe is firmly rooted in love, despite humans twisting its meaning through sin. Thank you for being perhaps the most welcoming group I have ever encountered here in America! Though we all may be sinners, I can tell that everyone's faith in Jesus is proof that Christianity is where true life comes from. I didn't get this same energy from anyone from any other faith, including atheism/agnosticism.

We praise God for our new brother, who hails from Vietnam. Would God continue to reach the nations through reaching the campus.



Another event we look forward to at the end of the school year is hosting an alumni BBQ for Bucknell graduates who have come through the ministry of DiscipleMakers! This is only our second time hosting the event, but it was highlight for us again this year. We had the privilege of hearing from alumni who have gotten married and are starting their own families in a way that honors Christ and are on mission together. We heard stories of alumni being witnesses for Christ at their jobs, leading in their churches, and reaching out to the community through local colleges and foster care. It is so encouraging for us to see the fruit of the Lord's work in these former students lives as they move on from college; this is why we do what we do, by God's grace we plant seeds and invest in college students spiritual lives, and then they go out to where the Lord has called them and make disciples where they go! Praise the Lord with us for the work God is doing in their lives and thank you for being a part of that work through your prayers and support of the ministry of DiscipleMakers!

How You Can Be Praying

- Pray for our new brother in Christ from Vietnam; that he would continue to grow and that the Lord would use him to reach others for Christ.
- Praise God with us and pray for the alumni of the ministry; that the Lord would give them direction and equip them for the work the Lord has called them to. And for the students who just graduated this past May, that they would continue to seek Him and be a disciple and one who makes disciples wherever they go.

Thank you for your partnership. It's because of your prayers and gifts that this work is possible! We praise God for you!

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