



Jeff, Anne, Katy and Ryan

Trusting God for Every Student on Every Campus

Bridgforth



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Student2Student: Dabney's Story

Praises

- We have seen God provide about \$4800 in special gifts for our summer mission to Hungary.
- Jeff's mother's surgery went very well. Praise God that the cancer had not spread to her lymph nodes. Her recovery is also going very well. Jeff enjoyed being there for his mom and spending time with his family.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Dabney's continued growth and his participation on a Campus Crusade summer project. (See story to the right.)
- Pray for God to prepare us physically, mentally and spiritually for our summer in Hungary. Pray that our family would have a good experience.
- Pray for Katy to grow spiritually this summer and be used by God in the lives of others. She is excited about learning how to share her faith.
- Pray for God's continued provision for our summer expenses.
- Pray for Jeff's mom as she begins chemotherapy this month. Pray that the side effects would be minimized.

This is a story from a student at James Madison University named Tara. She had the privilege of leading a classmate, Dabney, to Christ. Here is Dabney's story told by Tara:

I had a conversation with a guy, Dabney, in my philosophy class. He asked for my IM (instant messaging) screen name and he noticed that it was a reference to God. We began talking about spiritual issues nearly every single day.

At times, it was very stressful because Dabney would just argue with whatever I said. He wanted more scientific evidence. I endured this for 2 months but I didn't give up. I told Dabney that he was in my prayers.

We continued talking about God and I asked him to attend a Campus Crusade meeting with me. During the meeting, I could see that Dabney was both amazed and very confused. After the meeting we talked for about an hour.

I asked him to go with me to the meeting the following week and he just laughed. I asked him that if he ever put his faith in Christ to please tell me so that I can praise God for that. He laughed even harder and told me not to count on it.

He attended the Crusade meeting with me again the next week. Afterwards, he came over and watched *The Passion of the Christ* with me and we talked more about God.

We had very lengthy and in-depth IM conversations each day about God's love, forgiveness, grace, and existence. One day, he told me that he considered the gospel and God now as a possibility.

On January 23, Dabney wrote to me and said these exact words:



"Any inhibitions I held earlier have been annihilated. God loves me and I love Him for it. I woke up this morning with the biggest grin on my face. And I was thinking to myself, man my life is just awesome right now. I don't even deserve this much awesome. Then I froze and I thought, no, I don't. I don't deserve any of it, but He's given it to me anyway because He loves me. And bam. I've been in shock all day."

"I've lived for 18 years under a clouded sky. Now, the wind of change has blown them past and for the first time I can see the stars and the moon and everything." God is GOOD!!!"

And the rest of the story...

Dabney recently attended Big Break, a Campus Crusade Spring Break conference in Panama City Beach, Florida. On the first night of the conference, Dabney got to share his story in the large group meeting. At Big Break, Dabney learned how to share his faith and was able to practice many times on the beached each afternoon.

Dabney has applied to go on a Campus Crusade summer mission project at a beach location in the United States. **As of May 5, 169 students have come to Christ through the Student2Student initiative.**



Kid's Corner

Clockwise from the top left

- Katy and Ryan have enjoyed playing in the backyard.
- Ryan enjoys swimming with Katy during a recent spell of warm weather. They also enjoy having us "spray" them with the garden hose.
- Jeff (right side of picture) got to run the bases after a Royals game on a recent trip to Kansas City. His brother-in-law, Josh (left side of picture), ran with him. Jeff is still a kid at heart.
- Ryan is now walking.
- Katy got her face painted during "circus day" at her preschool.
- Ryan loves swinging.

