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Preparing for The Da Vinci Code

Praises

- The many strategic opportunities that God has provided for us this year.
- Baby #3 is doing well and the pregnancy is going fine. We believe that Katy and Ryan are going to have a sister.
- Katy has finished her first year of Awana. She has hidden many verses in her heart this year.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our family as we will be traveling between May 23 and June 13. We are going to visit many of you in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Pray for safe travel and pray for the kids to do well while we are away from home.
- Pray that God would use *The Da Vinci Code* to provide many opportunities for Christians to talk about Christ. Pray that Christians and others will be able to discern the fact from fiction.

Enclosed with this letter is a ministry report. Jeff put it together to communicate what God has done through your partnership with us. We have had the privilege to be involved in several strategic ministry opportunities this year.

We hope that you will be encouraged as you see how God is using you to make a difference in the lives of college and high school students here in the U.S. and abroad.

One of the projects we were not able to mention is responding to the movie, *The Da Vinci Code*. While we are not encouraging nor discouraging anyone to either read the book or see the movie, we recognize that it presents a significant opportunity to engage our culture.

"I believe that God has given us a great opportunity to tap into the spiritual hunger and openness that is true of this day and time. People are searching, and we have the privilege, as God's partners in this great mission, to use whatever means are available to offer them the life-giving reality of Jesus." -- Mark Gauthier, national director for Campus Crusade's U.S. Campus ministry.

Jeff has been working for months on a Da Vinci Code response center on GodSquad (godsquad.com/davinci). It is a central place that student leaders can find resources and ideas to assist them in the ministry opportunities they will encounter.

One of the resources is a video series by Biblical scholar, Josh McDowell. Jeff was able to add



The Da Vinci Code movie opens May 19th. Campus Crusade wants to be a spiritual resource to Christians everywhere as they dialogue on these important issues of life and faith.

the introductory video to the site using some of the skills he has learned this year. This video (godsquad.com/davinci/video.htm) is a great overview of the issues involved with the movie and introduces several of the resources Campus Crusade has put together.

"Jeff, as a result of your work on GodSquad, college students around the U.S. and world will hand out over 100,000 copies of Josh McDowell's book, *The Da Vinci Code; A Quest for Truth*, and over 250,000 copies of The Companion Guide which shares the gospel. Thank you for lending your gifts and talents to this cause. It is truly a blessing to work with you." -- Dan Hardaway, Strategic Partnerships, U.S. Campus Ministry



Kid's Corner

Pictures (from top left)

- Ryan enjoys talking on the telephone.
- Katy and Ryan in cars that Dad made for them.
- Katy and Kata, a Hungarian doll that Jeff brought back from his recent trip to Hungary.
- Ryan at Sea World.
- Katy and her friend, Ethan. They were in the same class at Mother's Day Out last year. Ethan's parents also work with Campus Crusade for Christ. We took this picture at an Easter Egg hunt held at the Campus Crusade headquarters.

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