



Young Adults from Campion Academy and Fort Collins Church Make Disciples from All Nations

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Based at the Fort Collins Church, the campus ministry started as friendship evangelism, but has evolved into a more focused spiritual ministry, according to Fort Collins pastor, Daniel Birai. This young adult ministry has two groups spending time on the campus of Colorado State University, one weekly.

The initial group hands out Bible surveys asking questions like, "Who is Jesus?"; "Were you raised in a Christian home?"; "If you died tonight, would you be saved?"; "Do you have a Bible?"; "Do you read it?"; and "Would you like the opportunity to study it more?"

If they answer, "Yes," to the last question, someone from another group is ready to step in and give them one-on-one Bible studies. If they're not ready for one-on-one studies, the student is invited to a Friday night get-together called "THRIVE" where they study the Bible as a group and where they can develop friendships with other students or young adults from the Fort Collins church.

Jessica Rios, Campion Academy recruiter, takes Campion students to the CSU campus one Friday per month to do surveys. It gives them the opportunity to be active in their faith and to ground them in their beliefs.

The first time they went, it was a cold, snowy day and the students were wearing thin jackets. Jessica prayed all the way there that it would be a good experience, not one that would sour them on witnessing. Working at an outside booth, she worried they would get chilled. But when she said it was time to go, they all asked if they could stay longer. They were able to find four CSU students interested in Bible studies to turn over to Pastor Daniel Birai.

"People are ready, just waiting to be asked," Jessica enthused.

Pastor Birai recently met with one of the four students contacted on that cold, snowy day. Abdullah is a Muslim from Kuwait studying engineering. He wanted to learn more about Christians and what they believe. Daniel and Abdullah spent 45 minutes getting to know each other and Daniel showed him a Bible, explained how it was written and identified its major players. "He seemed really interested," stated Daniel.

The two will meet again after Abdullah's Christmas break. Daniel plans to invite him to his home for some Kenyan food.

Only God knows the far-reaching effects of this ministry. In the meantime, Nestor, Jessica, Daniel, the young adult group from Fort Collins and the students from Campion Academy will continue to build and multiply disciples so that these new disciples can saturate their nations with the Good News.

Mission activities in Fort Collins will result in influencing changed lives and Christian witness in another part of the world. That's global mission at its best.

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Young people interested in learning how to do public university ministry are invited to attend Impact Rally held at the Campion Church, January 20 and 21. To find out more, go to impactrally.org