



MOAB Bridges Expedition 2018

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.” ~ Colossians 1:15



This picture is what is known as the 10/40 window. It represents where the largest number of people who have not heard the gospel live. This year for our Bridges Moab Expedition we had ten International students, most of whom were from this area of unreached people groups. Two Christian students joined us while the rest were Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and Atheist in their religious beliefs.

The students rock climbed, hiked, rappelled 140 feet down a cliff, hiked to beautiful arches and camped in tents for the week. Many firsts were had for all of them! The most significant times though were our evening discussions. The first evening we talked about some of God’s characteristics: Creator, Relational, Compassionate, Just, Forgiving/Merciful, Patient, and Capable. The next evening we discussed the topic that if God created the world perfect and good, then why is there so much evil in the world. We looked into Scripture and how sin entered the world and the ramifications of it on us and on all creation. Students shared how their religions/cultures try to deal with sin, but all concluded that sin has not and cannot be taken care of by human means. The final night we spoke about Jesus. The students all read Colossians 1:15-22 and individually shared what they learned about Jesus. To see the students utter amazement and a-ha moments as so many of them shared that the first verse listed above was what astounded them. “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.” Muslim students were amazed with their minds reeling. A Hindu student shared how God had always seemed so abstract and distant to him, but that this verse totally made sense to him. . . that Jesus was God and that God was helping us see who He really is through Jesus! The Lord was revealing Himself to these students and it was incredible to watch! After discussing Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and how we can be made right with God through Him, we ended our evening with a Q & A time. Such significant discussions followed and we praised the Lord for His willingness to bring students from these unreached nations to Moab with us to reveal Himself to them! Our God’s love and relentless pursuit of people overwhelms us! **Please pray for these students that they would not be able to stop thinking about the conversations they had and that they would continue to pursue learning more about Jesus. But most of all, that they would experience the joy of Christ’s salvation!**





New Mexico State University Retreat

I (Adam) graduated from New Mexico State University (NMSU) 18 years ago and I will always have a heart for NMSU students. One of the great joys of my job these last 5 years has been working with NMSU students again. This past April a few team members and I were able to head down south again to run a leadership retreat.

Unfortunately, Cru has not been able to find a team leader for NMSU, so there will be no Cru staff there next year. That means that it will be up to the student leaders to carry on the mission of winning students to Christ, building them up in their faith, and sending them to share their faith with others. Cru asked us to go down to NM to help the student leaders bond and cast vision for how they can own the mission as a student leader team and carry on without staff. God really showed up for our weekend and it was so fun being part of helping these students to become more like Christ and to be part of God calling them to reach the lost on their campus. One of the highlights of the trip was when I was leading an experiential program on Grace and Truth relationships. This group of leadership students was going through a rough time and was experiencing quite a bit of dysfunction among them. So we had a great conversation on how they as a leadership team could love each other better by accepting the good and bad in each other, but also by caring enough to speak into each others lives with a goal of becoming more like Jesus. We then spiraled out our conversation to talk about how these kind of healthier relationships could be an avenue to reaching their campus with the good news of Jesus. It was encouraging to see the students get excited about what God was doing in them as a leadership team and what He could do through them! Please pray that God provides a team leader for NMSU soon and for the student leadership team as they commit themselves to grace and truth relationships and the mission of reaching their campus with the gospel.



CHURCH MINISTRY

I love serving at our church and when they asked if I would speak at their women's event on the topic of sharing our faith with others, I was so excited! The 89 women started off with a church wide game of hide and seek. Some were hidden really well to represent those who are "closed" to the gospel. Some hid pretty well, but would only respond to their seekers (who represented the only two believers) if asked a personal question. The last group hid in places really easy to find and quickly responded to the gospel. There were also a few "not-so-helpful" helpers who represented the deceiver role and wow how easily and quickly the women were distracted from their goal of finding the rest of the women! We ended our night looking into Scripture and what it looks like to be Christ's ambassador to our family, friends, neighborhoods, and communities. It was so awesome to see the Lord at work as the women caught the vision of bringing Jesus to those around them! It even went so well that the Awana leadership asked if we could do the same activity and discussion for the high schoolers! So we did! Fun nights with significant purpose - oh that our communities may know Jesus and His salvation!