



# NEWS & VIEWS

## IMPACTING

### THE BROADMAN COMMUNITY

**INVIGORATE 2011** The week has flown by but I want to recount the events to share what God did throughout the week (June 11 through 16, 2011). The team pictured here came to northeast Ohio to **share Christ, promote collegiate ministry** and **serve local churches**.



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The Invigorate team arrived in northeast Ohio and settled in with host families on Saturday. On **Day 1**, the team worshiped at Broadman then went to the Kent State campus. The campus was virtually deserted so there was not much opportunity to share Christ.

On **Day 2** the Invigorate team made a second appearance at Kent State University. While Day 1 was pretty slow in terms of campus life, Day 2 made for a more exciting day. We did a significant amount of prayer walking on Sunday to prepare for Monday, and I certainly believe that God answered our prayers. We spent the day, split into pairs, engaging students with *Soularium* for the purpose of building relationships and sharing Christ with them.

On **Day 3** we landed in North Canton, Ohio on the campuses of Kent State University: Stark and Stark State College of Technology. It proved to be a big change in context from the main campus of Kent. We found much openness to spiritual conversation at Stark State, but few people at Kent Stark. Life moved a little slower at Stark.

The team participated in the praise, worship and testimony-time at Broadman on Wednesday night.

On **Day 4** we stopped in downtown Akron to continue our *Soularium* project at the University of Akron. Once again, we found ourselves in a totally different context than any of the other campuses. We found enough students on campus throughout the day to keep us busy with spiritual conversations for the whole day. The day seemed to be going pretty slow in terms of solid conversations.

We planned to gather to leave by 3:00 pm, but at 3:15 two student-missionaries were engaging a Muslim student from Saudi Arabia with the gospel for the first time in his life. While this was happening, a couple of students and I walked over to the Student Union for some coffee. While we were waiting for our coffee, one of the students waiting with

me began talking to the next guy in the line. Their small talk turned into conversation about serious spiritual matters and this student, Mike, was able to share the gospel at length.

It was beautiful to see how God worked outside of our own plans. Had we left at the specified time, both students would have never heard the gospel -- but God had something different in mind. He taught us in that afternoon the importance of letting Him work and the relative unimportance of our schedules.

On Thursday (**Day 5**), the Invigorate team transitioned to Columbus. It was sad to see them go, as we had a great time growing together and sharing Christ together. The Lord has truly worked through them and I am excited to see what comes of the work that they started.

Please continue to pray for them as they spend the next two weeks in Ohio working at Christian summer camps and then the following four weeks **sharing Christ, promoting collegiate ministry, and serving churches** in South Carolina. — **Mike Puckett**