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“But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5

Please pray for:

- ◆ **Divine appointments as we meet new students at the last orientations and at the start of the Fall semester.**
- ◆ **All the returning students to have safe trips back to school and to be passionate about reaching their peers with the Gospel**
- ◆ **Grace to follow up with the many incoming freshmen we met this summer and that they would come to church and Bible studies.**

We are so thankful for a great summer with the opportunity to meet incoming freshmen during the orientation sessions at USF. So far, we have met 348 students that responded positively to the Gospel! The Fall semester will begin this month. Here is a story about Paola, a girl whom we met during last year’s Fall semester.

I was born and raised in Puerto Rico. My mom would always take my brother and me to the Catholic church. Growing up, I started seeing it as an obligation. Since I didn’t enjoy going, I would pretend that I was asleep or would give the excuse of having too much school-work to go. Even though I didn’t like church, I liked God enough to tell my mother before coming to college that “I am afraid of losing the little I have with God.” I thought I had a small relationship with God, but I was just fooling myself.



During my first fall semester, I met a campus minister. She had stopped me on campus to ask me some questions that led to her inviting me to church. I went to church and I remember her kindness and everyone being welcoming and friendly. During worship, I had felt the presence of God for the first time. I was worshipping with all my heart and crying. During the song called “Surrender” I realized I had to surrender and accept Jesus as my Savior, so I did. What really convicted me to surrender my life was the desire to have a relationship with Jesus and learning that I was separated from Him and needed Him. I started doing a Bible Study with a campus minister and her friend who was also from Puerto Rico to learn more of what a Christian life should look like. Not long after, I got baptized and joined Cornerstone.

Knowing that others don’t have a relationship with Jesus breaks my heart. As I have been learning to walk as a Christian based on the Word of God, I get to share the Gospel on campus, lead Bible studies, go on mission trips, and I even did a praise speech about Jesus in my public speaking class! I really enjoy sharing with others the gift of salvation that God has made available to them. I have a relationship with Jesus, and nothing will break it. God has filled my life with joy and has continuously shown His love and faithfulness towards me.

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Your partnership allows us to reach students like Paola. Together, we are building the kingdom of God and seeing the Lord change so many students’ lives. Thank you so much for your partnership!