



# Cornerstone CAMPUS MINISTRY

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*“For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” ~ Colossians 1:13-14*

**We are encouraged, as we hope you will be, at the wonderful work of redemption taking place in the hearts of students on the campus. Last week, we led 171 different Bible studies with young people seeking to know God and find purpose for their lives. The Word of God is reaching many students, like Arelis, and drawing them into a relationship with Christ. We'd like to share her story with you:**

### Please pray:

- That the **students meeting for Bible studies** would have the eyes of their hearts enlightened, so that they will know the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe (Eph 1:18-19).
- That our **student Bible study leaders** be encouraged as they share their faith with their peers (2 Cor. 5:20).
- For Sheneil who gave her life to Jesus on October 1st! That she would continue to experience the love of Christ as she begins walking in her new relationship with Jesus.
- For McKenzie and Kacey to surrender their lives to the Lord.

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*Growing up, I believed in God but I never developed any sort of relationship with Him. When people asked me what I believed in, I would say, “I’m Christian, but I’m not religious.” I started to question why I believed in God. Swayed by my friends when I was around 12 years old, I came to the conclusion that He didn’t exist. During high school, I began to suffer from depression and I would look towards drinking, parties, and relationships in order to fill the void. Although outwardly I would act lively, I never felt happy. No matter how many people were around me I always felt alone. Coming to college it was hard for me to cope with moving over 1,000 miles away. The distance away from people I loved was very difficult for me because they were the only pillars really holding me up.*

*In the first week of school, I was approached by an intern in a campus ministry that was really kind and exuded happiness. She invited me to their large group meeting, and I went on and off, but mainly for the free food. I wished I could believe in God due to their positivity and kindness, but I still felt like there wasn’t enough proof to support Christianity. During that semester, I tried to end my life. I woke up in a hospital bed crying out to God. I desperately asked that if He exists that He would make Himself known. Through that experience, I believed that He was the one who saved me from death. A few months later, I decided to surrender my life to Him. I told God I wanted to follow Him, but I didn’t know how. I didn’t really tell anyone about what was going on internally so it was hard for me to grow.*

*One day a friend invited me to go to church at Cornerstone. Consequently, I met a girl who asked me to hang out. I was hesitant because I wasn’t used to hanging out with Christians, but I was drawn by the sincerity. While conversing with her, I felt convicted because I was claiming to walk in the way of the Lord but was still conforming to the world. I really wanted a change in my life but I was afraid of not having fun and of being alone again. I was thankfully mistaken!*

*I started meeting for Bible studies with her and a campus minister. They helped me to learn how to walk out my decision to follow Jesus. Once I chose to never believe the lies of the enemy, I began to change and grow in my relationship with the Lord. Jesus has healed me of things I never thought could be healed. I know I am His and that He has paid for me. There is no disappointment when I come to Him and there is no falling away. I know He will always be there for me, and the expectations I have now of Him and of my life are of goodness and righteousness. I know that His word is true and everything He has promised, He will do. -Arelis*



**Thank you so much for partnering with us to bring the Gospel to the campus and see this generation know the hope of His calling!**