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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

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He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:5-7

We are so encouraged to see how God is moving mightily in the hearts of so many students on campus. In the past 5 weeks, 34 students have prayed to give their lives to Jesus! What a harvest! Thank you for your continued prayers to see these young people build a strong foundation in their lives and that we would see many more come to repentance. This month I'd like to share Merlande's testimony, and the way the Lord's lovingkindness led her to repent:

Growing up, I knew about God through Bible studies and teachings from my parents. As a family we would go to church every Sunday, but to me it was just something I thought we had to do. I would always pray to God and I experienced my prayers being answered, but still I didn't realize how much God loved me. I saw my family pray and depend on God and saw how they always put Him first. But in my life I wouldn't go to God first, instead I trusted in myself to make it through various circumstances. There was a time when my church was encouraging the youth to get baptized, however, at the time I didn't understand what that meant. So I decided I should not get baptized until I followed every commandment and tried to read my Bible. That attempt to be a better person didn't last long and then I was back to just doing things my way. I really wanted to get closer to God, but I didn't understand how to approach it or how to change. When I came to college, I attended weekly Bible studies with Cornerstone ministers. There I learned that understanding God and His works were much more than trying to follow the commandments and being a "good person." I saw that those things wouldn't get me into Heaven and were not the way of getting closer to God. Through studying the Bible, I realized that God loved me, He died for my sins, and forgave me. He desired a relationship with me rather than my works and trying to be a good person. So, I decided to give my life to Jesus last year not just because it was right, but because I understood what Jesus had done for me and how much He loved me and how much I loved Him in return. Now I live a life of faith, where I put God first like my parents did. Being at Cornerstone taught me that being a part of a church meant that you were part of a family that took communion together and fellowshiped in covenant groups. I've even helped out in a Bible study this year where I got to share what God has done in my life. God has a plan for me and I no longer live on my own strength, but I depend on Him. I am thankful to my parents for being an example and thankful for the people at Cornerstone who've helped me grow in my new relationship in Christ. – Merlande



Sadia (campus minister) and Merlande

### ***Please pray for:***

- ***Brenda, Amy, and Erin who gave their lives to the Lord within the last month!***
- ***Chang, Natty, and Genesis to build relationships in the church and Christians on campus.***
- ***Karlen to realize Who Jesus is and the power of His sacrifice, and that she would surrender her life to Him.***