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"The mind of a person plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." -Proverbs 16:9

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Divine appointments as we wrap up the spring semester this month.
- The Lord to continue to do a deepening work in students' hearts over summer.
- For Zuleyka, Renae, Chloe, Destiny, Lola and Marie to continue to grow in love with Jesus and His Word.
- Students going home over the summer to connect with a local church and Christian community.
- For covenant groups over the summer to continue growing and for meaningful fellowship amongst students.

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I grew up attending church. However, my faith was based on my parents making me attend church. Growing up, I would go to different churches with my mother, but I never got a chance to get involved and fellowship with believers. Other than my mother, I did not have any good examples around me of what a relationship with God was really like. Even the basic principles of true repentance and living for Christ every day were foreign to me. I would still pray every night and morning since that was what I was taught as a kid, but I did not know the Lord as my Father.

When I moved to Tampa, I went to church with my mother like always. However, I was never fully engaged in the service. But seeing people being so passionate about God, worshipping Him, and hearing testimonies made me wonder why they loved Him so much. It



Franceline (in sunglasses)

wasn't until I got to USF, where I learned about God's love and true repentance. I met a wonderful campus minister who gave me a survey and invited me to do a Bible study. After learning all this I decided to fully give my life to the Lord. I became a member of Cornerstone Christian Church, met students my age who are also walking with God, and have access to ministers who help me whenever I have questions. I realized how important it is to have a support system and that being a Christian is more than going to church on Sundays.

Recently, I have had the opportunity to spread the Gospel throughout campus and was even fortunate enough to go on a spring break trip to the University of Georgia in March. It was an amazing experience being able to share my testimony and help other girls with their relationship with the Lord. One amazing thing that happened to me on the trip was that I was able to hear the Lord's calling on my life for ministry. It is a shock to me how much I have grown in such little time, and all this started by doing a survey and a Bible study once a week. I am extremely excited to see what God has for my life!

~Franceline

Thank you so much for your faithful partnership and prayers in bringing the Gospel to the college campus!