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Our Journey

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Master Plan Ministries

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Opportunities until the very end of the semester!

Dear Friends,

We just finished finals week here at Mesa State College, and Jesse leaves for Uganda in less than a week! *It has been a sprint to the end but God has enabled us to finish strong!* He gave us some great opportunities even at the very end of the semester. Here are a few of those stories:

Giants of Silence

While still a student in 2002, Jesse went on a summer project with Keynote, the music ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. Jesse caught Keynote's vision of using music to share the Gospel. Later that fall, we invited one of the bands to come and play at MSC. This opened up a great door of opportunity as Keynote has sent evangelistic bands to Mesa State nearly every year since.



This year Giants of Silence came, played two concerts, shared the Gospel, encouraged our students, and even helped train a few of our students that want to use their band to do the same thing! After the concert, Jesse was able to share part of his testimony with a guy named John (who lives in the same dorm where Jesse leads a Bible study!) Kyle was able to share the Gospel with two other students. Nearly 50 students were there to hear the message of Christ- many of whom we had not previously met. *One student commented, "The band was amazing, both the playing and music and their true commitment to being more than just entertainment."*

Pinon Palooza

Pinon Palooza is an annual end of the year event put on by Mesa State. It is a large event where MSC brings in bands, gives out free food, has vendor booths and much more. For the first time we set up a table at Pinon Palooza to see what kind of impact we could have. One of our students jokingly threw out the idea of making smores at our table. Another added that they had a portable fire pit, so we decided to give it a shot. It was a huge hit! We gave away at least 150 smores. **Several students commented, "This is the coolest booth here!"** Handing out smores gave us a chance to share the Gospel with several students and talk to many others. We used the "Soularium" for the first time. Soularium (<http://mysoularium.com>) uses a series of photographs and questions to allow you to start a conversation and share your testimony or the Gospel! We'll definitely be using it more next year.



Rumble in the Rec

Jesse: I was wondering if there would be anyone in the Rec center at all since it was the Friday before finals. I didn't think any of our students were going so it was tempting to stay home. However, we had been praying that God would help us to persevere and finish the semester strong. So I decided to go and at least see if there was anybody there. I got there and didn't see any of our students, but Zack was there (who I had been praying for all semester!) After playing basketball for awhile, I had a chance to sit down with Zack, knowing that this might be the last time I would ever see him since he was graduating. **We talked about several things but after a few minutes God opened the door for me to share the Gospel and much of my testimony with Zack!** Zack is not ready to put his faith in Christ, but was very open to the discussion. Please pray that God would place other Christians in his life as he continues on to grad school.



These are just a few stories of God's faithfulness this semester. Our discipleship appointments were instrumental even in the last few weeks as well. As you read this, Jesse will probably be in Uganda or on a plane there. **Please pray for the opportunity for the team to share Christ with 5,000 people!**

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