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*Left: Our students and staff at Encounter*

*Top: Students praying in the New Year together*

*Right: Kinsley and Emerson showing sisterly love!*



## broken #hope

Peeking out the hotel window, I see a long line of cars, full of students. Stepping out the elevator, I hear the soft lull of voices which crescendos into a loud roar as I pass by the registration table. The excitement begins...students have arrived! Nearly 800 students from NC, SC, TN, KY, and WV have to come to Encounter 2012 to seek the only one who can provide hope in the midst of their brokenness...Jesus Christ.

Students heard from speakers who used the Scriptures to show that God really is good, he is in control, and you can trust him with the desires of your heart. Then, as they pondered giving up their "plans" and following God's plan for their life, they were presented with opportunities to cultivate their relationship with Christ and minister to others both overseas and here in the states this summer and over the next year.

They also spent a day serving the less fortunate in Greensboro handing out boxes of food. The Gospel was shared 180 times and 27 people entered into a relationship with Christ. Pray that God will use these changed lives to impact this broken community!

On New Years Eve, Mark Gauthier, the executive director for Cru, spoke about the importance of making Christ the Lord of their lives. Using the life of Peter as

an example, he explained how God wants to use each student here, in the midst of their brokenness, to bring his glory to all the earth. His challenge to students was to pledge "I will go where he wants me to go, do what he wants me to do, say what he wants me to say, and give what he wants me to give." Nearly 350 students prayed and fully committed their lives to God in this way. Praise God for how He will use this commitment to bring about his glory as students head back to their campuses.

Jason, a student of ours at Wake Tech, was looking for hope. Jason's mom is in a battle with cancer, and between that and other issues at home, Jason was indeed broken when he came to Encounter. Jason confessed that he has been angry at God and didn't know if God loved him, but after this week, he realizes that He is still there, does love him, and is working all things together for his good. We heard similar stories from many other students.

Donald, another our students, made the commitment to go overseas this summer to Senegal, West Africa to share with the people there the hope he has in Christ.

Thank you for being an eternal part of these students' lives. Your prayers and support are being used by God to greatly expand His kingdom!

### Prayer Requests:

- Praise - The Lord has been faithful to answer our ongoing prayer that we would see lost students place their faith in Christ -15 so far this year!
- Praise - We had 9 students attend Encounter and 11 students attend the Impact conference.
- Pray that the Lord will open doors as we look at launching at new campuses this spring.
- Pray for leaders to be raised up on all of our campuses who love the Lord and want to share His name on their campus!
- Pray that the Lord would move in a mighty way on all our campuses - so mightily that we would have no doubt that it is the Lord!

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