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Left: 115 students and staff at Fall Retreat!!

Top: Kinsley loves her new masterpiece - stickers all over her daddy

Right: One of our last pictures as a family of 3!



“I Feel Like A New Battery”

“My sister and I were born in Portugal but grew up in Africa with my mom” Clara explained through her noticeable accent. “We were teenagers when my mom became a Catholic and started making us go through confirmation. We didn’t understand any of it and only went because we were forced to.

Then, the first week we came to America to study at Wake Tech Community College, the family we were living with explained that they were Christians, their home was a Christian one, and that they expected us to say a prayer - which we did in an effort to please them, even though we didn’t understand it.

We starting coming to Cru at Wake Tech and decided to come on Fall Retreat. Here, we started hearing about a personal relationship with Christ and I was intrigued. I approached Samantha (a Cru staff member) and asked her if she could explain more about this because no one ever had. As she did, I realized that this was what I wanted! I was doing all this stuff to please people but not understanding why, and now I feel like a new battery because I am excited and I really want this!”

Samantha has started meeting with Clara on a regular basis to help her grow in her faith and it has been amazing to see the questions that Clara has about

everything from the Bible to the Trinity and how she truly desires to understand it all.

Clara is one of the two students who accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior at Fall Retreat. This is really fun for us as this (Wake Tech) is one of the schools that both of us have been regularly working at and have seen the Lord move mightily on the campus.

Overall, we had 115 students and staff attend Fall Retreat, an increase from just 40 last year!! Students loved hearing from the Word as John O, a pastor from Atlanta shared about who Christ was based on evidence from the Bible and the importance of being in the Word regularly. The students also had breakout sessions where they talked about reaching their campus, music time where they praised the Lord through song, and free time where they could get to know each other better.

Thank you for your prayers as we saw the Lord work mightily at this retreat!! Please pray that the excitement and renewed passion for the Lord will continue back on campus!

Prayer Requests:

- Praise - The Lord has been faithful to answer our ongoing prayer that we would see lost students place their faith in Christ -11 so far this semester!
- Praise - Emerson Claire Hetzel was born on October 25. It was a long delivery but mom and baby are doing great! Check out our website for pictures of her.
- 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!
- Pray that we would have have 30 students attend our annual winter conferences.

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