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Left: Jenny and Elaina, two of our staff girls, doing a picture survey with students



Top: Kinsley playing in her water table one last time before it gets too cold



Right: April, 36 weeks pregnant

“Are You Okay?”

As I (Jenny, a staff lady on the ENC team) approached Alexis on the steps of the student center at Central Carolina Community College, I instantly knew that she had been crying.

“Are you okay?” I asked her. She nodded yes. I told her that I was on campus getting to know students and I had a picture survey that asked 5 questions that I would love for her to help me with. She agreed, appreciating the distraction. Before the survey even began, I learned that Alexis was a 17 year old who was in the Early College program at CCC.

I asked the first question, “Pick 3 pictures that best describe your life right now”. As she quickly picked her pictures, I noticed that they were the darkest pictures from the stack - dark colors, dark scenes, just plain ole’ dark.

As she started explaining why she picked the first picture, which was a picture of someone walking through a cemetery, she began to tear up. She explained to me that her ex-boyfriend had just died in a car accident a few days before. She continued to share how she had also been kicked out of her home a few months back and all she wanted to do

was to go back home to her mom. “I need therapy, I need to go to church, and I need to pray,” she confessed to me.

Sensing that Alexis desired and needed to hear about the hope that is found in Christ, I asked her “All those things may help, but can I show and explain something that has given me hope in difficult times, just like what you are experiencing now?” Through her tears, she mouthed “Yes!”

I shared with her about the hope that is found in Christ and about how she can begin a personal relationship with Him. She confessed very clearly to me that this is what she wanted and needed in her life. Right outside the student center, Alexis prayed to receive Christ!

Alexis and I have talked quite a few times since then and are planning to meet regularly to go through followups on how she can grow in her relationship with Christ.

Jenny’s story is just one of many that we have to share as a result of seeing the Lord change students’ lives. Our team has seen 9 students place their faith in Christ so far this semester. Praise the Lord for divine appointments!

Prayer Requests:

- Praise - The Lord has been faithful to answer our ongoing prayer that we would see lost students place their faith in Christ - 9 so far this semester!
- Pray for our Fall Retreat Oct 5-7 - we have over 80 students attending! Pray that car rides to Myrtle Beach would be figured out, that students would meet with the Lord in a powerful way, and be equipped to impact their campus when they return.
- Pray that the Lord would move in a mighty way on all our campuses!
- Baby Hetzel is due this month! Pray for a healthy delivery, as well as an easy transition into life as a family of 4.

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