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Left: Student leaders being trained at Synergy 2017



Top: On the bus on the way to get a cast on her broken arm



Right: Playing at the local park

## Synergy 2017

You are only 2 people - how can you be effective at all of these college campuses at the same time?

This is a question we often get asked and our answer is simple - We can't be!! If you look at Jesus' ministry, he didn't do it alone - he raised up disciples and trained them to share the Gospel and go out to reach the nations. In the same way, we mentor, train, equip, and coach students to lead the ministry on their campuses. Not only can they be more effective with their peers, but it allows us to develop ministries on more campuses than if we tried to do it all ourselves.

Synergy is a huge part in our equipping and training leaders to impact their campuses. Synergy is held in Manhattan on a Saturday and we spend the whole day equipping our current and future leaders throughout the whole city. We resource them, we train them how to effectively share the Gospel, we talk about the best ways to reach freshmen in the fall and so much more. So much is accomplished in just a few short hours.

Our students, especially those who are just stepping into leadership for the first time, receive the inspiration and confidence they need to impact their campus. It is so encouraging to see the

Lord raising up student leaders, especially on campuses like St. John's University, where there have never really been any previously.

In other news, we are praising God for J, a jazz student from the New School in Manhattan. Our staff first met J last year when some Spring Break students from Florida did a spiritual survey with him. J was not a believer but one of our staff has been regularly meeting with him for the past year to talk about spiritual things and build a relationship with him. There was a turning point after the election where his questions started getting more spiritual and less philosophical. J prayed on his own a few weeks ago and surrendered his life to Jesus! *"I can't believe it, now that I know the truth, how did I go without it for 19 years?"* J said.

As I read a few bios for some famous musicians and actresses recently and realized they all had roots or had studied at schools in New York City, I was once again reminded of the influence of this city. Thank you for investing in this city and on these campuses so that Christ's name can be made known throughout the world!

### Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the NYC summer mission trip that we are helping to lead. 19 students and 10 staff will be joining us for 5 weeks to impact this city for Christ!
- Pray for the 3 students from our NYC campuses who are going on summer mission trips this summer!
- Pray for us as we plan for the fall semester and that the Lord would give us wisdom in how to best reach these campuses.
- Pray for our family to stay well as we have had a ton of health issues lately and have to make some big decisions regarding potential surgery for Kinsley.
- Praise that we now have student leaders at St. John's University and Queens College!

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