

Crossover San Antonio 2007

Intentional Community Evangelism

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Dear Friend,

David was sitting on the front porch of one of the Larkspur Community quadraplex apartments eating Betty Crocker chocolate cake frosting and drinking a Dr. Pepper. He was dressed entirely in black with purple hair coloring spray painted in his hair. One little dribble of hair color ran down his face just above his left eyebrow.



I greeted him and sat down on the ground beside him. After making small talk, I asked, “David, do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?” “What do you mean?” he asked. “You know...about God, heaven, Jesus Christ...” I replied. “I am an atheist,” David said, “but I do believe in God.” “So that makes you an agnostic,” I replied.

“OK,” acknowledged David as he took another sip of Dr. Pepper. “So for you, David, what would be the one thing that would prove God exists?” I questioned. He thought for a minute and replied, “Actually, during the past month, God has kinda’ proved that to me...” “Really,” I said with a note of surprise in my voice, “What has been going on?”

David shared how he had spent the last month living on the streets of San Antonio with no money, food or place to live. David was an 18 year old runaway. He felt that the fact that he was still alive was God’s proof of existence. I told him that sometimes God uses the difficulties we experience in life to draw us to Himself. When I asked if that made sense, David said, “Oh yes, it does.”

I pulled out my Evangecube and started sharing the good news with David. I barely got into my presentation when the people that David had been staying with returned home. One of the people led two **BIG** Rottweiler dogs out into the yard to use the bathroom. Since I was still seated on the ground, and my foot had fallen asleep, I immediately prayed in my spirit, “Lord, please take control of these dogs!” I was in no position to run.

God answered my prayer because they decided not to snack on me. I was able to finish my gospel presentation with David and he prayed to trust Christ as Lord and Savior.

As it turned out, David had previously attended Churchill Baptist Church, which is just down the road from the Larkspur community. Churchill is the sponsor church for Larkspur Christian Fellowship, the church that I was working with in this community. Later that day, we went to Churchill during a break so that Pastor Todd Gray, Larkspur's pastor, could talk with the senior pastor. Several of the people in the office remembered David; they had tried to minister to his family in the past.

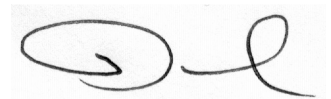
The next day, Pastor Todd discovered that David had fled from an abusive home situation. His father was a part of a cult group that worshipped sex. For years, David's father had engaged in all kinds of sexual acts with many partners right in front of David and his siblings. Please pray for David as he begins his new life in Christ. Pray that the scars that are on his heart because of his father will be healed through Christ.

This encounter with David is one of many I had during my mission to San Antonio. God did some great and mighty things as I was sharing the good news with people. **15 people received Christ through my sharing and I presented the gospel between 15 to 20 times each day in two communities.** Two of the young people that I led to Christ in another community were members of the Bloods street gang. Several adults and children trusted Christ and one 65 year old Hispanic man named Joe gave his heart to Jesus. Please pray for the ones who heard the gospel, but did not respond. Pray that God would continue to work in their hearts.

The ICE team, which included over 30 adults and a group of 40 youth, along with other Crossover events, saw 979 people trust Christ. You prayed and God answered! Thank you for helping me reach these 15 souls for Jesus Christ. Please pray for the continued follow up of all Crossover decisions. Some churches have already baptized a number of those people who made decisions through the ICE team witness.

The next ICE outreach will be in Los Angeles, CA in August. I am praying about the possibility of going and hope that God will work that out. I will definitely want to go to Indianapolis, IN next year to work with ICE and Crossover. Pray that God will make that desire a reality.

Until the Net is Full,



Darrel Davis

P.S. For more pictures from the San Antonio mission, please go to the following website:
<http://picasaweb.google.com/Onlyfoundation/CrossoverSanAntonio>