

Ministry Update - Brent & Stephanie Batiste

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“I just did this myself last night!”

Three days into our mission trip in Puerto Rico I get a knock on my door just after 11pm. It was Mitch, one of our NIU football players. The grin on his face said it all, **“I did Brent! Tonight is the night! I did it! I gave my life to Christ!”**

I had shared the Gospel with Mitch a couple months earlier and in his own words he said he was just not ready, but he signed up for our mission trip anyway.

After going to campus each day with an AIA staff member and receiving several hours of ministry training, the Holy Spirit’s work in Mitch’s life became very evident and all of sudden...“he was ready”!



The next day Mitch and I hit campus running. We had not been on university property more than five minutes and Mitch had already struck up a conversation with a student about his faith in Christ. Listening to and watching Mitch share the Gospel with students that day was an act of worship! He so passionately and clearly articulated the hope and forgiveness offered to us in Christ. In his enthusiasm he shared with the students, **“This is the biggest decision you’ll ever make in your entire life. I just did this myself last night!”**

We had the joy of seeing several students that day give their lives to the Lord and we were able to connect them to our long term missionaries in San Juan so they could be discipled and encouraged in their new faith in Christ. Back at NIU, Mitch is now a part of our football discipleship group and continues to grow in his faith. Thank you for your prayers for him and the countless students on campus that we are trusting God to touch and change for eternity!

A Family First & Health Update

Earlier this month we celebrated with **Abigail** as she graduated from high school. She will be attending Illinois State University, where Stephanie and I first met through Cru...25 years ago! We treasure your prayers for her as she begins her next chapter of life. Thank you for your prayers for **Stephanie’s health**. There is no new update on her condition but we continue to pray and keep a careful watch for any other symptoms. Please pray that the white matter on her brain does not spread and that she would find relief from what doctors have told us is nerve damage all down her right leg.



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