



Anchor House News

Lake Superior State
University

Winter 2005

Cross Training Conference

The last weekend in October, myself and 4 Anchor House students made the long trek to Central Wisconsin to Inter-Varsity's Cross Training Conference. We joined about 600 other students from Wisconsin and the U.P. in taking part in the worship, fellowship and training opportunities. To say we were blessed would be an understatement. Kendra Pete, a sophomore and leader of the chapter wrote this about the weekend...

"The Cross Training retreat in Wisconsin was a great experience for me. The chance to worship with such a large group of college students who were on fire for God and lifting their voices to praise our Savior was an incredible part of the weekend. It was also some of these same students that I spent part of the weekend studying the book of Ephesians with. It was an opportunity for me to learn how to study the Bible in a new way (manuscript study) and was one of the best in depth studies I had ever been part of. This will really help me get more out of Bible study in the future. If I have the chance, I will definitely go again next year!"

Thanks again for those of you who prayed for us and those who gave scholarships that enabled students to attend!

My part in the weekend was helping to park cars (OK, I hate to brag, but they made me the "Parking Captain"). Actually my main responsibility was to help lead a track called The Art of Spiritual Mentoring along with 2 other staff and 3 volunteers. This track (or class) had about 50 students attend and our purpose together was to help equip them to become mentors in their chapters, to help them train other mentors and ultimately to become mentors for life. Along with helping to lead worship, I also worked with a small group and gave a talk called "The Theory of Mentoring". This was as much as a learning time for me as one of teaching. I came away from the weekend with a greater understanding of the importance of mentoring and discipling, as well as some great ideas to implement at Lake State.

A fun side note of the weekend...a student named Kyle Lickel was in my small group. His parents, Bill and Lisa were leaders in the IV group I was part of back in college. What was it that Harry Chapin sang..."all my life's a circle".



Cross Training students from Lake State. Front row: Kendra and Travis. Back row: Jeremy, Jessy and myself.

By The Numbers...

On any given week 60-70 Lake State students take part in an Anchor House sponsored activity. Our large group worship and Bible study time on Wednesday night is our largest event, averaging almost 60 students each week. Thursday night dinners at the house have seen almost 25 students at every meal. Leadership team, worship team, and prayer meetings are all weekly small groups that meet and average 6-10 students. My students tell me that we are the largest group at LSSU. Pretty amazing! It is encouraging to see so many students committed to living out their faith at college!

I also want to take a moment to thank all the individuals and churches who continue to support this ministry. Many of you give monthly, quarterly or annually, and through your partnership, this ministry continues to be available to encourage LSSU students to make their faith a priority. It goes without saying, that we could not do this without your help and prayers. Thank you so much for the trust and faith you demonstrate in supporting the work of Anchor House.

Wishing all of you a joyous and Christ-filled Christmas!

Marty

Luke 2:10-14



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Fall Apple Cider Party



Caroling at TenderCare Nursing Home



White Elephant Christmas Party

