

Staying Strong on Campus

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"Throughout my collegiate career, I have had liberal studies professors tell me that Christianity and Jesus have no place in their classroom.

"I have been told that I am foolish for believing so strongly in something I can't see or touch....

"To be a Christian means going against the grain, it means standing up for the things you believe in, it means opposing the popular opinion, it means standing your ground no matter what others say about it."

*---Jennifer LaBianca, Appalachian State
who writes a blog on life in college*



In 40 years of working on college campuses we have met countless Christian students like Jennifer who find their faith ridiculed – by professors or by fellow students. Researchers Moran, Lang & Oliver studied how Christian students were treated at universities. They concluded:

"The results of this study demonstrate that students of the 'dominant' religious identity in our nation, Christianity, are feeling marginalized on public university campuses... we should attempt to create campus environments that are inclusive of students of all social identities, including evangelical Christianity." -- *Journal of Student Development*

Christian professors –by their very presence on campus -- inspire students to love the Lord their God with their hearts, souls and *and* with their minds (Mt 22:37).

How we've spent the past two months:

- Fundraising (we're almost there!);
- Talking with college seniors about following Christ in graduate school;
- Hosting a dinner for professors;
- Speaking at a national conference for Faculty Commons staff;
- Helping faculty on other campuses make plans in the spring semester for their faculty group;
- Exploring ways to make more of our materials available in Spanish.



This spring we will be working with professors on a total of 25 campuses in 8 different states. We will provide them with materials for ministering more effectively, and a listening ear to know that others care and pray for them.

They are making a difference for Christ and we want them to know that they are not alone.

If you would, please pray with us for those who bring the light and life of Christ to campuses every day.

Steve and Sarah