



# Cornerstone CAMPUS MINISTRY

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***It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.—Galatians 5:1***

## Please pray:

- That the students going back to their hometowns remain strong in faith.
- That the many international students in our church would be protected as they travel around the world.
- That our new staff members would build their partnership teams quickly.
- That I would be able to meet all my financial goals this summer.

## Thank You!

Your faithful prayers and generous support make it possible to reach students like Sean. Their lives will never be the same.

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The 2015 - 2016 school year has finished and we are amazed as we look back on what God has done at USF. We would like to share Sean's story with you as well as a glance at some of the highlights from this school year:

I was raised to be a Christian by my mother, who is a strong believer. Growing up I called myself a Christian and said I believed in God, even though I was constantly trying to conform to the world to gain acceptance. During middle school and early high school, I was feeling extremely rejected. I thought that if I did what the world wanted me to do, then I would be accepted. I made numerous attempts to satisfy this desire for acceptance. All of these failed because they were done in my own strength. This frustrated me, but I thought if I continued trying, eventually I would succeed. I came to college excited by the opportunity for a fresh start and for a chance to become the person I wanted to be. At my freshman orientation, I met a campus minister who invited me to a Bible study. As we went through our Bible studies, I started to real-

ize that I could not do life on my own. On September 11, 2014 I hit a low point where the stress from my job and the pressure I was under became too much for me to handle. I was ready to give up my life in one way or another. As I was walking back from class that evening, I went past the MLK memorial on campus and I thought to myself, "I bet hundreds of people walk past the speech written here but no one ever reads it." So I started to read MLK's "I have a Dream" speech. As I did, I felt more and more convicted about the decision in front of me. Once I finished reading, my stubbornness and pride finally gave way. I prayed to God because I was tired of trying to do everything by my own strength. I wanted Him to take control of my entire life. My first act of trust in God was to quit the job that I was previously too proud to leave, even

though it was causing me an enormous amount of stress. I began to feel an enormous weight lift off of my shoulders. My confidence began to grow, I read my Bible more and I started going to church without my mother asking me to. I came out of my shell more and I finally let go of all of the shame, guilt, and pride that plagued me in my old life. Now I serve in the church as an usher and am even learning how to lead Bible studies for other students. Above all, I am now free to be the man God made me to be.

— Sean

## School-year at a glance:

- **130** students gave their lives to Jesus
- **59** got baptized
- **833** different students came to church this year
- We led **3,821** Bible Studies
- **119** Bible studies met on average each week

