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*The May 2011 Report
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Kim's Witness



Kim, a senior and a new believer, takes the *Trinity, Tragedy and Triumph* class. Her contributions to the discussions have challenged and motivated others to grow as she takes the message of Jesus to her "Beatnik Poetry" classmates.

"Greg this quarter, when I realized that I believe all prayer is somehow answered. That was huge-- and when I shared it with others, it rocked their worlds, too. And right now, I'm working on the idea that if we operate from the place that God is good, and that He loves us, our entire lives would change, including the way we view what seems un-

fair, or what is painful or difficult. That's new to me. So I really grow - in my faith - a lot in your classes, as I articulate things I wasn't even aware I believed. Awesome."

"I'm taking a class called "Writing Poetry: The Beats." One evening I wrote a poem about love conquering death, opening with "O Death, where is thy sting?" Scripture in beatnik poetry? Next, I wrote about choosing relationship with Jesus over big religion. After our writing time, as always, the professor invited us to read our work. I paused, knowing my work might not be well-received. But after a nudge from God, I read both poems, which were met with applause, even cheers. Immediately after this, I went out to smoke, and a guy from class followed, telling me he loved my work, and the distinction I made between relationship and religion. As he began to ask questions about my faith, Jesus, church, and other such taboo subjects, three other students turned from their private conversations to join in on this one. We all smoked, and they listened intently as I shared the love of Christ and my own experiences with them. They were so hungry, and full of questions. I was just myself, sharing what I know to be true."

Prayer Requests
Spiritual and relational substance at our final Christian faculty and staff luncheon in June.

Two guys in the group are spending their summer in a service / evangelism outreach in L.A.

Prayers Answered
Some student leaders did a great job teaching 1 John with me this Spring. Their growth and desire to share God's Word is infectious.

Wonderful growth from the *Trinity, Tragedy, and Triumph* class (see story of Kim).

Jeff Springer Returns

Back in 2004, I met, a transfer student, Jeff Springer at Evergreen. He had grown up in Olympia and recently committed his life to Jesus. We spent the following two years together sharing Christ, studying Scripture and praying for the Lord's guidance in his life. After graduation, Jeff spent two years in a campus ministry internship in Bellingham, WA and then worked on their ministry staff. As of July 1, Jeff returns to Olympia to work with us in campus ministry. I am thrilled for the new opportunities. He feels a strong calling to evangelism and small groups.



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