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We are all connected

My favourite kind of story is one that seems to weave itself together on its own.

Its texture contains so many so-called coincidences that you just can't deny it was stitched together by God. Reach magazine is filled with such tales.

As you'll read in our cover story, Campus for Christ is finding new ways to connect with a tech-savvy generation. Global Aid Network is strengthening partnerships to have a greater impact in humanitarian efforts in Africa and Latin America. And one of our Athletes in Action staff reflects on how the Vancouver Olympics underscored the great spiritual need in our nation.

The stories of these ministries and more make up the narrative of Power to Change. You are part of that story.

Thank you for your faithful partnership and your commitment to proclaiming the name of Jesus to the world.

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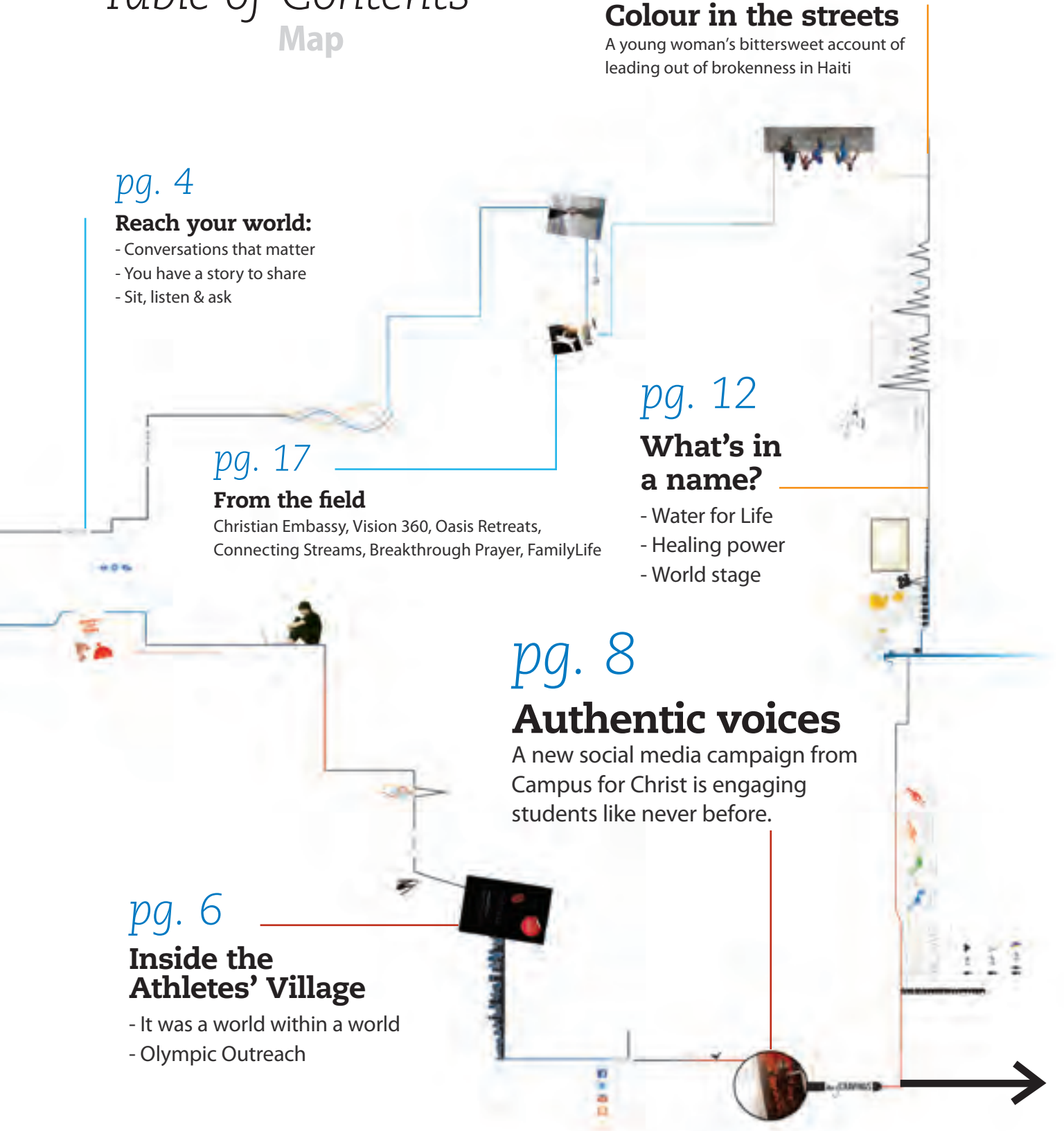
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Conversations that matter

by Ian Whitfield – *LeaderImpact Group*

Talking about your faith isn't always an easy—or even welcome—conversation in the workplace. But having conversations that matter can have an impact on your work relationships, the marketplace in general and ultimately the entire nation. If you're wondering how you can take the risk to go a bit deeper, here are some simple and effective ways you can do just that:

1. Always be curious. Often Christians mistake evangelism with an event and therefore are not continually listening to the Holy Spirit in everyday life and relationships. This mistake causes us to be

focused upon us, our message and our words. Curious people take the time to be interested in others' words and actions.

2. Ask more questions. It's fascinating that Jesus often answered a question with another question. He used questions to go deeper in people's lives. So, the next time you are out with a spiritually interested friend or a colleague, asking a simple question may start a great conversation.

3. Finally, discover and deliver your own story. Today, people are starved for hope, real hope. We are called to "Be prepared to give an answer for the reason for the hope that is within us, but to do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15. I am amazed at how many Christians struggle to simply share their spiritual journey in plain language. God has given you a story—a powerful life story that can be used every day to impact

the lives of those around you. Find your story and find your voice!

In 2010, 1,156 Christian marketplace leaders used the platforms, processes, and products of LeaderImpact Group to reach out to 3,180 non-Christian marketplace leaders with the Gospel.

If you're looking to step out of your circle of comfort and have conversations that matter, check out *Bursting Your Bubble*, a small-group DVD resource developed by LeaderImpact Group.



burstingyourbubble.org
leaderimpactgroup.com

You have a story to share

by Claire Colvin - TruthMedia

When I'm looking for answers, I tend to go online. If I'm not Googling my latest inquiry, I'm connecting with friends and family through email, Facebook or Twitter. Every day millions of people do the same; they're reaching out, looking for answers and relationships.

You can personally help people realize that Jesus is the answer to all their questions. As an email mentor with Power to Change, you are trained to come alongside a searching individual, pray for them, and transition conversations into spiritual things. Here is how it works:

1. Use your story to change a life. You might not feel like an expert, but you have experiences that other people need to hear about. God teaches all of us every day. Mentoring gives you a chance to share what you've learned.

2. You are in control. You can choose the type of questions you feel comfortable answering and set your own schedule. A coach is there to offer support when you need it. Mentor when it's convenient for you.

3. It's simple. Mentoring is simply starting a conversation and encouraging someone to take the next step in his or her faith. You will be amazed at how open and honest people can be in a simple email. If you have a heart for God and can send an email, you can be a mentor.

In 2010, over 50,000 emails passed through the Mentor Center. Over 10,000 people came to Christ through TruthMedia's online strategies, including mentoring, chat and engaging website content.

Learn more about sharing your story and building relationships as an online mentor:



thementorcenter.com
powertochange.com



TruthMedia

Sit, listen & ask



by Shirley Eu - InterCultural Network

Often, people are scared to share their faith because they're worried they don't have all the answers. Have you ever considered that it's not so much how you **answer** questions as it is how you **ask** them?

Jesus demonstrates this in Luke 2:46-47: *"After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers."* Did you see those three verbs? It's as simple as sitting, listening and asking.

1. Take time to sit with people. Who are the people you find difficult to sit with? Is it a person of a different culture or faith? Is it someone who is more educated or in a position of authority? If you simply sit with people, you can enter into a whole new realm of relationships.

2. To be a good active listener, stop talking. *Well, that's a helpful first step.* Secondly, stop trying to think of what you are going to say next. When you're worried about how you're going to respond, your brain is so busy that you're not actually listening! When you make this common practice in your life, you'll be surprised how often people are actually sharing from their heart.

3. Asking shows understanding: After Jesus had asked them questions, verse 47 says, *"Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers."* Did you catch that? They were amazed at his grasp of the situation with his questions.

By sitting, listening and asking, God enters into the conversation relatively easily.

In 2010, InterCultural Network held 30 events to sit, listen and ask questions of over 1,815 intercultural leaders to help them discover Jesus. 178 became Christ-followers!



interculturalnetwork.com



Inside the Athletes' Village

by Danielle Kinvig



The Vancouver Winter Olympics captivated Canadians from coast to coast. But according to Dave Klassen of Athletes in Action, the Games revealed more about the spiritual state of our nation than our athletic prowess.

It was a world within a world.

Indeed, it had its own heartbeat. Home to over 5,500 athletes and officials from 82 countries, the aptly named Athletes' Village at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games was a community in and of itself. Among its citizens was Dave Klassen of Athletes in Action (AIA).

Klassen, known for his energetic personality and frank sense of humour, is a veteran chaplain for the B.C. Lions and recently took on the same role with the Vancouver Canucks. But when he first arrived in the village to serve as a chaplain for Olympic athletes, he wasn't sure what to expect.

"I quickly found out that the chaplaincy isn't necessarily considered a high priority in the Athletes' Village," says Klassen. "I was no different than, say, a psychologist or some of the doctors."

Athletes converged on Vancouver and Whistler to compete, and everything about their home-away-from-home was designed to help them do one thing: keep their focus. As a chaplain, Klassen was expected to remove distractions. But God has a way of getting people's attention.

On the day of the opening ceremonies, Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili suffered a fatal crash during a training

run at the Whistler Sliding Centre. Only nine days later, the mother of Canadian figure skater Joannie Rochette died of a heart attack while in Vancouver to see her daughter compete.

The prominence of these two deaths created a heightened spiritual awareness within the village.

"As I counselled people, we dealt with the concept of destiny," Klassen explains. "Death often brings about questions like, 'Why am I here?' and 'Why do I exist?' For Nodar and Joannie's mom, their lives ended. But if God woke you up this morning, He wants you to pursue your destiny. It was a starting point to create more dialogue."

Amidst the pursuit of athletic glory at the Games, there were moments when Klassen saw God's sovereignty. A Russian-speaking chaplain struck up a conversation with two prominent athletes from the former Soviet Union and gave them Bibles. A few days later, Klassen joined the chaplain to meet with one of the athletes. After a few minutes of conversation in Russian, the chaplain began to smile. He turned to Klassen and said, "Guess what? He prayed to receive Christ last night."

Beyond the athletes, Klassen's ministry extended to the professionals working within the village. He built relationships, held chapels and provided one-on-one counselling to doctors, translators, security personnel, vendors and janitorial staff, among others.

The ethnic diversity in the village gave Klassen a greater sense of the important role Canada plays in leading change. Canada is a multicultural nation with many immigrants, and as people become Christ-followers in this country, they



ultimately spread the love of God around the world through their extended families and culture. Canada is a strategic country for the Gospel, and yet, Klassen also got a look at his nation that moved him to his core.

“Being involved in the Athletes’ Village was one of the scariest moments of my life because I finally got a real glimpse at what Canada is all about. It’s about reaching the podium. That’s all it is. It’s about claiming something that will rust and decay. And it’s scary,” he says, his voice thick with emotion.

Klassen says the Olympics reminded him anew that we have a message the world needs to hear. Though the athletes didn’t seem to be the most receptive audience initially, the Holy Spirit was at work and lives were changed.

The state of our nation is what keeps Klassen passionate about his work with Athletes in Action.

“We have a limited voice about God in our country, but someone has to continue to cry out,” he says. “And I think that we have to be that voice.”



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Olympic Outreach

More Than Gold, an Olympic ministry partnership, mobilized 4,000 volunteers to hand out resources, show hospitality and have conversations about Jesus with visitors.

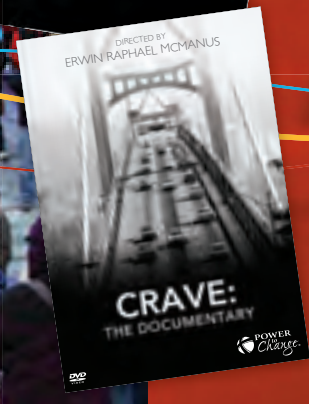
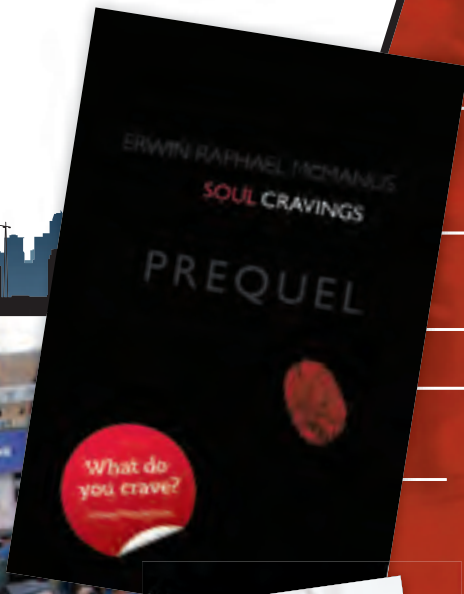
Over 30,000 copies of *Soul Cravings Prequel*, a ministry tool developed by Erwin McManus in conjunction with Power to Change, were handed out during Olympic outreach initiatives.

Approximately 70 AIA and Campus for Christ volunteers went to the streets to engage people in spiritual conversations.

Daily DRIME evangelistic performances captivated crowds.

AIA led mini-Olympic kids sports camps and neighbourhood events in partnership with 20 churches and community groups.

Downtown hospitality suite cared for tourists.



Are Canadians open to the Gospel? Featuring intimate interviews, *Crave: The Documentary* explores how regardless of race, background, or spirituality, we all have one thing in common: The cravings of our soul. Discover how intimacy, destiny, and meaning impact our search for God.

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Authentic voices

by Ashley Chapman

A new social media campaign from Campus for Christ is engaging students like never before.

Real Life Kits feature *Soul Cravings Prequel* by Erwin Raphael McManus, a New Testament and a *Knowing God Personally* booklet. 25,000 Real Life Kits were distributed to students in September 2010.



Flamboyantly bright orientation T-shirts, compact cars stuffed with not-so-compact belongings, parties, cross-town scavenger hunts and maybe 50 new Facebook friends.

This is Day One of university, Frosh Week 2010.

The campus is alive with energy, ideas and potential. Students are weeks away from worldview deconstruction, perhaps years away from total reconstruction.

In some ways, the 2010 edition of Frosh Week was like any other for Campus for Christ (C4C). Real Life Kits were handed out to students new on the post-secondary scene, and C4C continued to spark spiritual conversations to help students discover Jesus. But this year, there was a more concerted plan. Kicking off with a new campaign called myCravings, each interaction across the country had a specific goal: to help students uncover their deepest human cravings.

Based on the themes of *Soul Cravings Prequel* by Erwin Raphael McManus, the myCravings campaign also encouraged students to consider the origin of their cravings—whether love, success, meaning or power.



"Just like you know what an empty cup can hold, both in capacity and form, by simply looking at its shape, so it is with this craving in me for an infinite kind of love."

"Our story quickly became front page news across the country. Why would someone attack an innocent family like ours?"

myCRAVINGS

"Institutionalized religion has been known for providing easy escapism through withdrawal and irrelevance. And for what it's worth, I agree: in my mind, religious distractions are little better than those found in glass bottles or rolling paper."

"All my life, I've felt the urge to succeed and the irrepressible disappointment upon success."

"The language of cravings has changed our posture of outreach and opened doors for conversation in unprecedented ways," says Graham Watt, C4C's national director of evangelistic strategies. "All students—independent of their faith background—connect much more easily to the language of cravings."

The myCravings campaign consists not only of Real Life Kits, but also ongoing events throughout the year and materials developed to serve C4C movements across the country.

"Our students are more proud of the new packaging and more confident in sharing the materials with their peers," explains Watt.

One resource that's really taking off is C4C's newest magazine, *un.Cover*.

Authored by students and Campus for Christ staff, the articles explore cravings for **love**, **justice**, **escape** and **power**. Each author tells a personal story of how these universally human cravings pointed them towards Christ.

Having the magazine as the catalyst for one-on-one meetings has been an exciting part of the myCravings strategy. When someone from C4C takes the time to discuss the stories and explain the Gospel with the article *Knowing God Personally*, about one out of every eight people are coming to Christ. "At times, it has been as low as 1 in 25," says Watt.

Justin Chan, a C4C staff member at the University of Victoria, went through an article with a student who had requested the magazine. As they talked through questions and

misconceptions, the student—who had read large portions of Scripture for interest—seemed hesitant. When asked what was holding him back, a change occurred.

"You know what?" he replied. "My indecision has held me back long enough." He immediately began to pray and gave his life to Christ.

In the 2010 fall academic semester, 129 students recognized their soul cravings and came to Christ. That's more than double the amount of students in the fall of 2009.

Download the un.Cover magazine:



mycravings.ca
campusforchrist.org

Who would have imagined Facebook, Twitter or Youtube as evangelistic tools?

Yet students are using these sites to share their stories and engage their peers in spiritual discussions. In the last year, C4C students have been encouraged and trained to make online videos about their soul cravings and how these longings were met by Jesus.

Students then post their videos on their Facebook page and tag their friends. As friends and friends-of-friends start to comment below the videos, spiritual discussion begins online.

In a Toronto-area pilot project, C4C worked with a filmmaker from York University to shoot students' stories professionally. These videos are posted on the myCravings Vimeo channel, but are mainly seen as a gift for each featured student to share with their personal online network.



Visit vimeo.com/mycravings to watch student videos



MICHELE

iCraved Acceptance

"I was afraid that if people knew how I felt they wouldn't like me."

iCraved Approval

"I remember waking up and being disappointed in my conduct from the night before and really wondering if this was what my friends meant by 'having the time of our lives.'"

iCraved Significance

"My name is Keshan, I craved significance, and I found it in Jesus."

iCraved Happiness

"I blamed God for what happened."



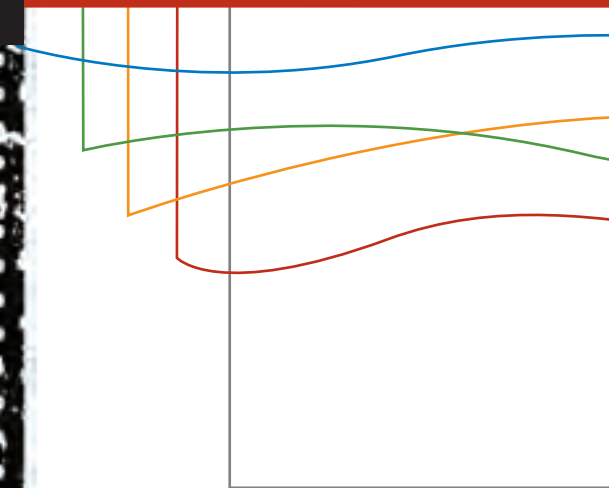
CHARMAINE



KESHAN



ESTHER



Student survey reveals:



Most women crave love



Most men crave meaning or truth



Almost 70% were open to future contact with C4C

It's students' personal accounts of transformation that are most likely to impact their friends, and yet they don't always know how to open up.

"Students aren't always emotionally engaged with their own stories," says Graham Watt, C4C's national director of evangelistic strategies. "We're putting together a package to launch students into sharing their personal story through the lens of cravings."

Called myStory, the package will include a DVD and workbook to take students through the process of constructing a narrative and then sharing it in a compelling way via social media.

"You have to own your own story and consider what it means to be authentic," says Watt.



Could a choice change a life?

The Paid vs. Aid contest, which was featured at Frosh Week events at select campuses across Canada, offered winners a \$1,000 prize and the choice between putting it towards their tuition or providing international aid. The aid choices were shelter for Haitian families, a water well in Benin or the care of Tanzanian orphans—all initiatives of Global Aid Network (GAIN), the humanitarian ministry of Power to Change.

The contest got people thinking and talking about their values and why they make the choices they do. Student newspapers covered the story and Campus for Christ was invited by student governments to share about the contest at Frosh Week events.

But exposure wasn't the only benefit of the contest. Over 22,000 students chose to enter and share their contact information and spiritual interests.

"This is going to be incredibly valuable information for us going forward to become even more effective in reaching this generation," explains Watt.

"It's a bit overwhelming, but definitely a good problem to have hundreds of people to call," says one student volunteer about the follow-up process.

At the University of Alberta, a follow-up conversation was arranged with a girl who listed "spiritual connection" as her soul's craving. After hearing about her spiritual background and desires, two C4C staff shared the message of Jesus, and asked if there was anything preventing her from making a decision.

"There isn't anything stopping me," she said. "I mean, why wouldn't anyone want Jesus in their life?"

Forty students have come to Christ directly through follow-up from Paid vs. Aid. Thousands more are considering the deeper questions brought up by the contest, and the 21 winners have wrestled with the choice beyond the realm of the hypothetical.

"When I had heard I won, I immediately jumped to a 50/50 split," says one winner. "But finding out that it is all or nothing really caused me to stop and think about each action, how it will be viewed by others, and my personal needs and whether I can do without."

He continues: "If nothing else, the news of my winning the contest brings about a great internal debate on my own morality and the choices I make."

See the winners' choices at:

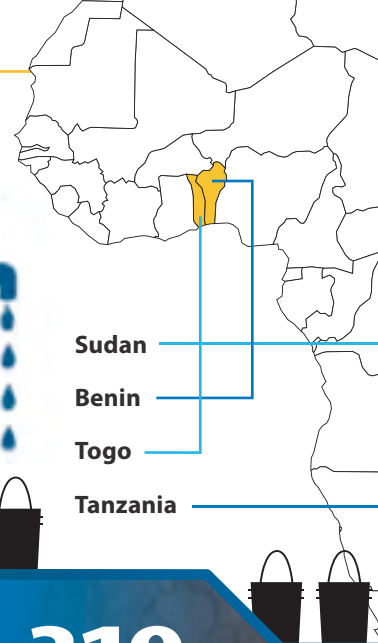


mycravings.ca/paidvsaid-winners



HUMANITARIAN AID

Through the Water for Life Initiative, Global Aid Network (GAIN) is drilling wells in communities across Africa. The fresh water not only restores health, it transforms communities, and with the help of Power to Change partners, people are introduced to the love of Christ.



Sudan

Benin

Togo

Tanzania

What's in a name?

by Ashley Chapman

For the man in charge of maintaining his village's water well in Kikwetu, Tanzania, a name is a testimony that will last a lifetime.

On average, every well that GAIN drills improves the lives of 1,000 people. In Kikwetu, however, 4,000 people from the village and neighbouring communities access the well for clean, fresh water. But this four-fold increase wasn't the only surprising discovery GAIN CEO Bill Blaney and Power to Change chief development officer Ken Forbes made on the day they visited the village in September 2010.

While at the well with the man responsible for its upkeep, Blaney and Forbes were asked if they would like to meet his son. They agreed, and he brought them to his wife who was standing in line for water. He lifted the three-month-old baby out of her arms and introduced the visitors to his firstborn son, Gain.

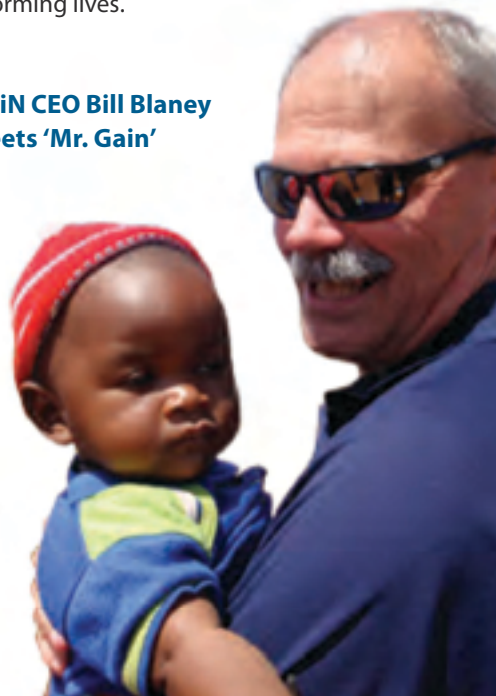
"I gave him that name at birth because every time I look at him I want to be reminded of the tremendous work

GAIN has done for my people," said the proud father. "When he hears his name, he will know that it stands for both the goodness of the Lord and all the good things that one can do for people."

After viewing the *JESUS* film when the well was first completed, the father and five others gave their lives to Christ. Since that time, a small church has been planted and even more have become Christ-followers.

'Mr. Gain,' as Blaney and Forbes fondly refer to him, was a reminder that God is transforming lives.

**GAIN CEO Bill Blaney
meets 'Mr. Gain'**



**319
WELLS =**
(and counting ...)

319,000+
People with clean drinking water

138,252
Attended *JESUS* film screenings

7,093
Medical & dental clinics

700
Attended DRIME presentations

14,035
Attended hygiene & sanitation training

115
New church plants

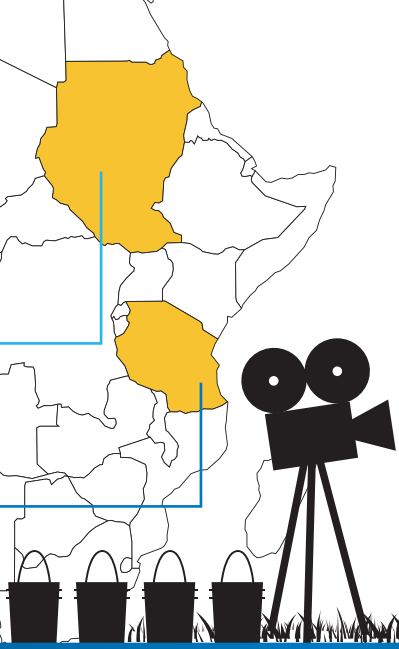
119
Pastors trained

42,488
Decisions to follow Christ



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After a well is drilled, it is celebrated by screening the *JESUS* film. For many, it is their first time hearing about Jesus. On some evenings, people don't just hear about Jesus: they see His power.



Healing power

"Maji nitakayompa yatakuwa ndani yake chemchemi ya maji ya uzima na kumpatia uzima wa milele."

As the Jesus on the movie screen promises life-giving water to the people of Kitumbini, Tanzania, a woman around the age of 30 also draws the attention of the 270-person crowd. She comes to the front acting erratically and lies down in front of the screen.

Informed that the woman is crazy, and that neither the witch doctors nor spiritual leaders can cure her, the *JESUS* film team begins to pray.

"The name of Jesus can't heal her," taunt some Muslims at the screening. "You're wasting your time!" Nothing happens immediately, but then suddenly—shockingly—a calmness comes over the woman.

Seeing that the woman is changed, the villagers bring forward another man

they call crazy, saying that if he too is healed they will accept Jesus' power. The team prays, another person is set free, and in an instant 270 people see that the name Jesus Christ—Yesu Kristo—is above all other names.

World stage

Performing choreographed drama to music on the world's street corners, DRIME (Disciples Ready in Mobile Evangelism) not only gives people an opportunity to discover Jesus, but an artistic outlet for people of all ages and aptitudes to share their faith and transform communities worldwide.

In 2010, by partnering closely with the work of GAIN and *JESUS* film teams, DRIME is having even more of an international impact.

"We first went to Benin, Africa on some short term mission trips with GAIN with the idea that drama would be an effective component alongside

the humanitarian work," explains Tanya Price, executive director of DRIME. "By providing clean water, we're invited to be honest and open about our message."

As the humanitarian partnership strengthened, DRIME pursued developing a permanent ministry in Benin. National Beninese leaders were recruited and trained in evangelism and leadership. In July 2010, the ministry was officially launched.

"The team recently did a time of ministry where they saw 49 people come to the Lord," shares Price. "As people give their lives to Christ there's always a pastor involved and sometimes they are able to plant a new church in a village. We're continuing to train our team there to make sure 49 saved means 49 disciplined."

Locally-run DRIME bases also minister in Kenya, Brazil, Paraguay and North America.



After every screening, JESUS film teams ensure that each new believer is connected with a local church, and where one does not exist, they work with a nearby pastor to plant one.

Haiti

MAGNITUDE

DATE

Tuesday, January 12 (4:53 p.m.)

Magnitude 7.0 earthquake hits. GAIN Canada serves as lead agency for GAIN Worldwide in partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ Haiti. Through a network of local churches and Christians, GAIN helps Haitians help each other.

Friday, January 15

GAIN deploys eight shipping containers, each totalling \$100,000 (CDN) in donated food, medical supplies, water purifying tablets and other emergency provisions. Emergency supplies stored in Haiti are accessed and other provisions are purchased in the Dominican Republic.

Immediate
Response

Colour in the streets

A young woman's bittersweet account of leading out of brokenness in Haiti

by Ashley Chapman



LIFE TEAMS AT WORK AT CA-IRA ORPHANGE

222,500 PEOPLE KILLED

6,000 SCHOOLS & HOSPITALS COLLAPSE

100,000 CHILDREN ORPHANED

1,000,000 HOMELESS

Saturday, January 16

Arrival in Port-au-Prince. GAIN begins a coordinated response to distribute food, water and emergency supplies. Medical triage is established.

Saturday, January 23

Professional trauma counsellors arrive to care for and train the Haitian church and community leaders to offer trauma counselling.



LINDSEY SCHACTER

“I didn’t know what to do,” recounts Lindsey Schacter, of Global Aid Network. She and team member Walter Isaak were outside of a Léogâne, Haiti construction store in November 2010 when a young man in a polo shirt and jeans approached. He had lost both of his parents and his home in the earthquake, and had since been living in a crude shelter made from sticks and tarps. But only days before, Hurricane Tomas washed that away too.

His story was painful and all too common, yet Schacter wondered if this well-dressed man was genuine. As she and Isaak discussed an appropriate response, her teammate leaned over and whispered, “Sometimes it’s better to err on the side of generosity.” Schacter has vowed never to forget those words.

Pulling together \$20 US between them, they bought a blue tarp for \$15 and gave the remaining \$5 to the man for food.

His reaction removed any doubt Schacter had about his story. He started to cry as he accepted the blue bundle. “He looked at this tarp like it was gold,” she remembers. “He was holding it and just shaking. To me it was something so simple, yet to him it was a home.”

Schacter can’t help but cry at the memory. It’s been an emotional year. She first arrived in Haiti just weeks after the earthquake, into what she describes as “quiet chaos.”

Rubble covered the sidewalks and spilled into the streets. Buildings that once stood tall were stacked like pancakes. There was no trace of normal life. No street vendors, and none of the usual banter.

As the LIFE team manager with Global Aid Network, Schacter was leading teams of medical professionals to run clinics at Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps. Since that time, she has led 55 people from four LIFE teams into

Haiti to do ongoing medical clinics and construction projects.

“There’s so much that needs to be done and we can’t physically do all of it,” she says after returning from her trip to Haiti with two LIFE teams in November. “I had to realize that we’re not going to be able to fix everything, but we’re going to be faithful with what God’s given us.”

With every person who receives a home, medical treatment or counselling, she can’t help but think of the hundreds of thousands more who still need care. At the same time, she realizes that it’s not what her teams bring into Haiti, but how they come alongside Haitians and support them as they rebuild their communities.

“I’ve learned a lot about leading from a state of brokenness,” Schacter says. “There’s so much devastation, but there’s also so much hope and joy.” Despite the earthquake, hurricane, cholera outbreak and lead-up to elections, GAIN’s church

partner, Pastor Jean, summed up the year by saying, **“God has been so good to us.”**

As Schacter continues to bring teams to Haiti, she is witnessing change firsthand. It’s a bittersweet picture, but inspired by GAIN’s Haitian partners, she chooses to focus on the positive.

Sidewalks are visible again and street vendors are back selling their goods. “There are still collapsed buildings and rubble, but people are back to living life,” she says. “That for me has been exciting—to see the colour come back into the streets.”

LIFE teams: Rebuilding Haiti

Standing for Labour, Influence, Finance and Expertise, GAIN’s LIFE teams are volunteers who want to put their skills to work. They are nurses, doctors, trauma counsellors, carpenters, electricians and anyone willing and able to help.

“We want to give people an opportunity to use the skills and talents God has given them in the field,” says Lindsey Schacter, GAIN’s LIFE team manager.

GAIN has established a partnership with the Ca-Ira Orphanage and School in Léogâne, Haiti. The facility collapsed in the quake, killing five of the children and two staff members. Many other construction projects throughout Haiti are stalled or only temporary because of inability to verify land title. However, rebuilding Ca-Ira is immediately possible because of proven land ownership. Two LIFE teams have already gone to Haiti to build relationships and help with construction.

LIFE teams offer a way to continually engage in Haiti’s recovery. As returning team members share their stories of transformation with their spheres of influence, countless people are not only inspired by the strength of the Haitian people, but also reminded that their continued support and prayer are absolutely vital to Haiti’s rebuilding.

Want to join a LIFE team? Visit:



globalaid.net/projects

You helped raise \$1,200,000

for immediate and ongoing earthquake relief in Haiti. Because of your compassion, the people of Haiti have not only been given food, water and emergency supplies, but hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You’ve shown the people of Haiti that somebody cares, and that they have a reason to go on. Thank you again for your partnership in this very important work.

In the six months after the earthquake:

- 20,154 people received medical treatment from 38 medical teams
- 2,242 people were trained to give trauma counselling
- 40 shipping containers with relief were sent
- 363,000 people benefited from 165 distribution events
- 11,800 water filters were distributed
- 650 families received temporary shelters
- 81,000 people watched the *JESUS* film
- *3,200 people decided to follow Christ!*



From the field

Ministries help people discover Jesus, experience the power of the Holy Spirit and inspire others to do the same.

Diplomatic gesture

Jerry Sherman, director of Christian Embassy, was in Bangkok with Canadian members of Parliament and business leaders when he received an invitation he couldn't refuse.

The ombudsman of Thailand and his executives were preparing recommendations for the prime minister to promote integrity and ethics in their government—and they wanted the Canadian delegation to weigh in. “The teachings of Jesus Christ are key to integrity and proper ethics,” shared one MP as he told them how Christ had



GRAND PALACE, THAILAND

transformed his own life. The conversation has since opened doors for Christian Embassy Thailand to connect with important players in their government.

Helping make connections like this has been just one of the many highlights for Christian Embassy Canada, as they have had unprecedented ministry opportunities on Parliament Hill and with leaders from more than 90 nations in 2010.



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ANTHONY & MICHELE YACKEL,
URBAN ROAD CHURCH

Theatre 10 at 10

Even before previews began or popcorn was munched, something happened on Sunday mornings in Theatre 10. Since November 2010, the core 60 to 70 people who make up Urban Road Church have been meeting at 10 a.m. at Colossus Theatre in Langley, B.C. to worship and fellowship together.

Vision 360, the church planting ministry of Power to Change, is helping potential churches like Urban Road launch their vision. “These core groups of people who are meeting together are a church long before they have a Sunday morning service in the traditional sense,” says Harvey Trauter, director of Vision 360. “We’re helping these groups stay healthy, on track and focused on engaging with the community.”

Urban Road will make their official launch at Easter 2011.



vision360canada.com



Stop the burnout

Bruised and broken.

That's how many people describe themselves when arriving at an Oasis Retreat. Designed for pastors, missionaries and other ministry leaders, Oasis Retreats provide a safe environment to help participants find healing and encouragement as they deal with ministry struggles and challenges.

"Oasis set my wife and I on the path to healing and taught us truths that we still remind each other of," says a participant. "A place of safety and wise counsel, it was healing balm for our bleeding wounds and broken hearts."

Taking leadership of Oasis in September 2010, new directors

Bob and Penny Armstrong have an expanded vision for the ministry. After 30 years as pastors and counsellors, they believe that in addition to assisting in healing and restoration, Oasis can play a pivotal role in preventing ministry burnout.

"There will always be a need to provide a place of refreshment and renewal for leaders in crisis," says Armstrong. "We envision also providing an Oasis Retreat for leaders before they reach that point. This new, proactive and preventative focus is designed to preserve the longevity of ministry leaders."

If you or someone you know could benefit from the rest and renewal an Oasis Retreat offers, visit our website to begin the journey today.

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Free prayer

"Free prayer." That was the offering at a Canada Day fair, drawing 60 people into a prayer tent in Langley, B.C.

"We were so impressed by the openness of people and their willingness to receive prayer and engage in spiritual conversations," says Emmie Stanley, a national field manager with Breakthrough Prayer.

One woman prayed to receive Christ. Two Christians expressed dissatisfaction with their Christian walk and prayed to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Many people returned to the tent, bringing their friends or family to receive prayer as well.

For the past three years, Breakthrough Prayer has spearheaded a Canada Day prayer strategy. Groups of local Christians gather at 7 a.m. at the gateways of Langley, B.C.—the nine main streets entering the city. Each group prays, worships and reads Scripture over the city. Participants prepare by fasting and praying for the city in the 21 days leading up to Canada Day.

"Canada Day is the day that we celebrate freedom," explains Stanley. "We believe that it is God's heart to bring freedom to the people of Canada in a greater way through a relationship with Him."

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Rap for joy

The young woman came to the front of the room full of confidence. The Monday night Bible study at the Edmonton Institute for Women was wrapping up for the summer, and the inmate had offered to perform a rap song for the special celebration.

“It was poetry,” says Sabrina Bright, a Connecting Streams volunteer. “Reams and reams of pure Scripture poured out of her. There was Scripture after

Scripture—with prison vernacular thrown in—about intense guilt and suffering, and the redemptive power of Christ.”

It’s nights like this when the volunteers are reminded of God’s presence, even in the seemingly darkest of places.

“After a long and sometimes frustrating year where we didn’t really know how much progress we were making, it was amazingly humbling to see how God had used us to speak His message

into the hearts of these women,” says Bright. “No matter how unworthy or ill-equipped we often felt.”

Christian women in Alberta are being empowered and equipped to step outside their comfort zones and be wholly dependent on the Holy Spirit. Volunteers build relationships in prisons, halfway houses, young offender centres and Alzheimer care facilities, and watch God transform lives as they step out in faith. In 2010, Connecting Streams volunteers saw 46 people become Christ-followers.

SABRINA BRIGHT, CONNECTING STREAMS VOLUNTEER



Is God nudging you to step out of your comfort zone? To find out how you can become a Connecting Streams volunteer, check out our website:



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The Compass is a Bible study resource designed for women. Get your copy by visiting the Power to Change Resource Centre:



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The Magic of 10

by Sharol Josephson - FamilyLife

Often, my husband and I are asked, "What's the secret to a great marriage?" The answer is: There is no secret. It's simply putting into practice—over and over again—the things you already know. Make them habits. Then add more good habits and before you know it...you have a great marriage!

Here's a habit worth adding: Pay attention to how you re-enter the home after being apart for the day. What you do in that first 10 minutes makes all the difference! It sets the atmosphere for the rest of your evening or weekend together. If you need to drive around the block a few times before you walk in the door to shed the frustrations and stresses of the day, do it. If you have time to stop at a park on the way home for a quick run, do it. If you can send up a quick prayer in the driveway, do that. Do whatever it

takes to make that first 10 minutes together feel like a reunion—a celebration! Talking about your day, your kids or your troubles can come later in the evening. The first 10 minutes is about reconnecting with the one you love. Try it tonight. Then try it tomorrow night. Then do it over and over again. It works. It's worked for us and for the hundreds of couples we've passed it on to. That's the magic of 10!

In 2010, nearly 4,000 people found encouragement and help for their marriage and family at one of 34 FamilyLife conferences in Canada. Twenty-six people became Christ-followers and over 800 recommitted their lives to Christ.

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