

the BERK family

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A NEARLY MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF
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◆A Changed Life◆



Prayers for the Berks

Please take some time to pray for:

🙏 Our monthly financial support. We are trusting God for \$1000.00 in additional monthly support.

🙏 Pray for Our Oasis Ministry - that God would begin ministries to Muslim students on campuses around our region.

🙏 Please Always Pray for us to experience intimacy in our relationship with Jesus and to minister out of an overflow of that.

Photos -

Above - Still honeymooning after 16 years!

Center -Our main meeting room. the Winter Conference had more than 1000 students and staff in attendance!

Over 1,000 staff and students gathered together during Christmas Break for our annual Winter Conference. This was one of the best conferences I can remember and I can remember a lot of them! The students were challenged by solid Biblical teaching from all of our speakers. One message I can recall was about being willing to cross cultures - to go out of our way like Jesus did as he took the shortcut through Samaria where he encountered a woman at a well and had an interesting conversation!

After this meeting, our students had the chance to learn about ministry to ethnic students. At our Oasis table (ministry to Muslims), we talked with dozens of students interested in beginning an Oasis ministry on campus.

Jesse was the first student to our Oasis table, asking me about reaching out to Muslims. He asked if we had any outreach to Jewish students and as we talked I learned that he himself was Jewish. As we spoke further, I came to understand that he had attended our conference for the whole week, but hadn't himself accepted Jesus as his Messiah! As I also come from a Jewish home, I knew we had

to talk! At dinner the next day, we spent an hour and a half talking about the messiah. He had never heard the many Old Testament scriptures that spoke explicitly about Jesus and he was blown away when I shared some of them with him.

Later that evening as we continued the dialogue I became convinced that his many questions were less based out of heartfelt objections but mainly to protect himself and try to talk himself out of what he knew he needed to do. I asked if I could pray with him and advised him to

go and have a talk with God himself. The next morning, on New Years Day, Jesse confirmed what I had thought was happening as he informed me that he had given his heart to Christ on New Year's Eve!

Accepting Christ as a Jew is a big deal and he is probably going to encounter some serious opposition from his family. **Will you please**

take a moment to pray for Jesse? What a cool opportunity and what a surprising conversation to have at our Winter Conference!

We are gratefully serving the King with you. Thank you for your prayers and partnership as we continue to share the gospel with students just like Jesse!



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We Sure Appreciate you! Love,

Mike & Jen

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