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Fully Alive

John 10:10



Meet Team Texas!

These are my four awesome teammates I am so blessed to serve beside at UT! From the left, Rachel from Ireland, David from Oklahoma, Angel from Houston, Erin from New Mexico, and then me! God has blessed me so abundantly with the gift of serving beside these four men and women who are such wonderful witnesses to the love and joy of knowing Jesus Christ!

FOCUS @ UT-Austin Overview

6 Women I disciple
19 Women in my discipleship chain
4 Bible Studies I lead per week

95 Students in Discipleship
350 Active students in Bible Studies

Prayer Requests

- Freshmen adjusting to college
- Seniors applying for staff



What I do on Campus

The main goal of FOCUS is to launch college students into *lifelong* Catholic mission. We do this by Jesus' model of spiritual multiplication in which we "teach teachers to teach" (2 Timothy 2:2). This involves "discipling" students – praying for them, sharing life with them, inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and equipping them to lead Bible studies and reach other students on campus to likewise disciple them and lead them closer to Christ. I currently disciple 6 girls, 5 of whom are leading a Bible study and discipling one or more girls this semester and one who I just asked into discipleship this semester!

Pictured below are the freshmen women from one of my disciple's Bible studies!





Fall Outreach

Fall outreach is what we call those first couple of months when my teammates and I, alongside our student leaders, focus on meeting as many students as possible through various fun events.

Some of our fall outreach events included setting up tables along campus to invite students to join a Bible study, bowling at the student union, movie night at the Catholic Center, tubing down a river, s'mores night, and a concert in the female missionaries' backyard (pictured above). Fall outreach proved to be very successful as we had countless students show up for our fun events to meet other students and enjoy fellowship in the faith as well as about 350 students sign up for Bible studies!

Student Spotlight



"Jesus has been itching to come into my life every minute of every day, but it wasn't until I came to UT that I first opened my heart and had my first encounter with Him. I started being a part of FOCUS at the end of my first year of college, but it wasn't until this fall that I really stepped up and made it my mission to spread the love of Christ to all those on campus. My heart is just filled with so much love and fire and joy for our Lord and I want to share it with every soul that I encounter!"

-Ashley Nguyen

Bible Study Workshop

During the second week of classes, my teammates and I held a Bible study workshop in order to teach and review how to lead a Bible study. This workshop was pivotal in giving over 25 new Bible study leaders the confidence they needed to start a Bible study and reminding the many others of important tips and tricks for leading a Bible study. No one is ever fully prepared to lead a Bible study (God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called!) but a little extra preparation and solidarity in our

Striving for Sainthood in Solidarity

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification"

-1 Thessalonians 4:3

Jesus Christ calls all of us to holiness, to allowing Him to mold us into imitators of Him. As such, I want to devote this portion of my newsletter to invite you all to join me in the pursuit of sainthood!

As a practical step towards sainthood, I want to invite you to join me in praying a morning offering each day before our feet hit the floor. You can simply talk to Jesus and offer your day to Him or find a morning offering online. Know that you are in my prayers as we pursue sainthood together!

Ashley Nguyen – Junior, Biochemistry major

Ashley (left side) is one of my disciples, and she just started her first Bible study this semester with 6 freshmen. Ashley is discipling Brittney, who also just started a Bible study.

Recently Ashley invited me on a retreat she was helping lead for women in her Catholic sorority – cabins, bonfires, and star-gazing in the beautiful outdoors with wonderful women who want to know Jesus more? I couldn't resist! The students appreciated me being there to support and love them, and I had the opportunity to give a brief talk on abiding in the love of God and living as His beloved daughters of God! The Holy Spirit was certainly present on this retreat as the girls grew in community with one another as well as in their personal relationships with Jesus Christ!