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“Imagine a world where your greatest fears become a reality,” begins one popular tv show; and yet for many of us, that world already exists. Perhaps at no other time have we so widely succumbed to and celebrated fear: we live in a world that harbors fears about both identity theft and personal identity, about homeland security and eternal security, about internet predators and demonic predators.

This year’s speakers challenged over 1,200 staff and students from nine states to shed their fears, reminding them that we “have not received a spirit of slavery, leading to fear”; rather, through Christ we can approach life with full confidence and boldness. Live fearlessly, the speakers urged them. Love fearlessly. Share Christ with others without fear. Such fearlessness characterizes the believer who has discovered the power and freedom of knowing Christ as Savior.

Whether attending training seminars, reaching out to others during the Day of Faith, or worshipping God in song, students began to practice a spirit of

fearlessness. The true test, however, arrives as they return to their homes and schools. May God’s truth continue to revolutionize lives; may commitments made during this week extend into lifetimes of following Christ; and may these students, through the power and grace of Christ, remember what it means to be fearless.



student stories



“There are two things this conference has taught me. First, it has guided me spiritually, which has happened at past conferences. What is different about this conference is that it has also given me the tools to help the fire keep burning and real steps to increase my passion.”

—Jim Erickson, University of Kansas



“The whole week was really good. I think learning that just taking the Word to my hall was really important, as well as standing up for what we believe in.”

—Mary Postema, Northwest College, Wyoming

“I really liked when an international speaker got up on the stage and talked about how she had read the gospel and it was treasure to her. That is so amazing and why I want to do missions. It definitely rejuvenated the passion God has given me.”

—Leanna Eubanks, St. Louis Community College Meramec



“Before I came to DCC, I prayed that God would show me what I should do in life.

I was told about summer project and now know the next step I should take.”

—Jered, International Student, University of Nebraska



day of faith

When Erica Dean and Toy Coleman embarked on their Day of Faith assignment, they never imagined that in just a few hours they would be wading through sewage tunnels. The two joined Dry Bones, one of this year's 36 partner ministries, in sharing Christ's love to homeless teenagers in Denver. "It was a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Erica, a student from UMKC. "The speakers and this experience all came together to show me that we need to be helping the needy." Toy agreed. "I learned I need



to go beyond my community of believers. Going out, building a community — this is what God wants us to do."

Erica and Toy are just two of the students

DCC sent out to reach the Denver area.

Hundreds of students headed to the ski slopes to reflect on God's creation and apply the principles of boldness they had learned at the conference, while others spent the day shoveling snow, praying at Planned Parenthood, and revealing God's love to others through acts of service.



For some, community service evolved into opportunities to share the gospel. Matt Mitchell, a UNC student, found himself fixing a woman's car. His group seized the chance to tell her about Christ; and a few hours later, she came to know the Lord. She was not alone: many others in Denver also gave their lives to Christ that day.

Experiences such as these demonstrate the heartbeat of DCC's annual Day of Faith. As students proclaim Christ in action and speech, God transforms lives both at the conference and in the community. What results is an incredible testament to His faithfulness to change the world one person at a time.

focus on the world



While the majority of DCC's participants arrive from one of the six states that comprise Campus Crusade's Great Plains International Region, several have homes thousands of miles away. The passion of Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, to "come help change the world" certainly

remains central to the work of this region, which partners with Mexico, Chile, Africa, Ireland, Spain, Serbia, Russia, and two locations in East Asia to see those areas reached with the gospel.

Throughout the week, staff sought to share that vision with students by inviting the students to minister abroad. Speakers from around the world described how God was using Campus Crusade in their countries and urged students to consider joining their teams to target unreached people groups. Other opportunities for students included spending a semester in Thailand doing tsunami relief, participating in an international summer project, and working as an overseas intern.



Changing the world begins right here: Echo, an international student from East Asia, came to the conference hungry

for Christ but not knowing how to begin a relationship with Him. Two days later she received Christ in a parking lot.

"Coming to the US, I was running away from a lot of hurt and deep wounds in my life. I tried to find happiness in religion and would act like I was happy when nothing was happy and nothing was okay. I accepted Jesus two days ago. Now that I have found Jesus, I really am happy. I don't have to fake it and I have a peace that I have never had before. My heart is filled with Christ's love."