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Chicago Students Hit the Beach on Spring Break

A couple of students from Elmhurst College (a school in suburban Chicago) were waiting in their car for some companions when a large African American student named Orlando approached the car and pointed at them in a carefree manner. “Look for me in the movies one day!” he said. The Elmhurst students pointed back at him and laughed, and they struck up a brief conversation. Joe, who was sitting in the back seat, thrust a booklet out of his window that he had been sharing with others on the beach that afternoon entitled,

“Would you like to know God Personally?” Orlando took it, looked at it, and immediately his whole demeanor changed. “How many signs can I get in one day?” he asked aloud. “You make me

feel bad—I know I shouldn’t be out here doing this

stuff,” he said. “I know I’ve been doing wrong.” Surprisingly, Orlando broke down and began to weep, sharing that he wanted to get right with God. The Elmhurst students then encouraged him, telling him that he could experience forgiveness and a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Eventually, the gospel sank into Orlando’s heart and he prayed to commit his life to Christ. He even gave the students his mother’s phone number and told them to call her, because he knew that she had been praying for him to know Christ.



Staff and students from Elmhurst, The University of Chicago, DePaul, and Moody Bible Institute posing for our group picture at the Big Break Conference in Panama City Beach

This story is just one example of the amazing things that God did this year during the Big Break conference in Panama City Beach Florida. I had the opportunity to be there with groups of Chicago students for two weeks last month. It was encouraging to see our students step out of their comfort zone and share their faith out on the beach.