



Fighting the Good Fight

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The 2004 Indianapolis Christmas Conference

This year's Christmas Conference was a huge success. There were 35 students from Chicago among the 2500 students from all over the Great Lakes Region that attended the conference. Three students from my home church in Canton also went with us. At the conference the students were challenged to let God be the one who satisfies their deepest needs and desires as well. They were also challenged to expand their view of what God is doing around the world and get involved.

One of the highlights of the conference is always the day of outreach. We partnered with churches in the city to distribute boxes of food in needy areas and also share the gospel message with them. We saw some really neat things happen including Mark, one of the guys from my home church praying with someone who wanted to receive Christ as their savior. A girl named Margaret from Elmhurst College had the same thing happen to her, the interesting thing about her though is that she had just accepted Christ as her savior the night before.

There was plenty of time for fun as well though. A Christian rock band called Switchfoot performed one night. Our students rung in the New Year with a huge New Year's eve party. The theme was Hollywood nights and the students dressed up like their favorite movie character.

I'm living in Chicago!!!!

God has brought in enough initial support for me to be able to go and start my ministry in Chicago. He has been so faithful in bringing it in by January just as many of us were praying. I'm renting a



town house on the Near West side of Chicago from the director of my team. Please note the new address above. My house has been a huge blessing, it is at a very convenient location near a train stop, I-290, our office, and where the rest of my team is living.

Prayer Requests

- 1) Students who went to the Christmas Conference would have a renewed motivation to reach the students around them.
- 2) A smooth transition for me to living in Chicago.
- 3) We are hosting a MLK weekend conference in Chicago. African American students from all across the country will be attending.
- 4) Several Chicago students are praying about going on Summer Projects. Please pray that God would lead them to the right decisions and the right project locations.
- 5) I would find a church in Chicago to be involved in.
- 6) This semester would see God use us to reach new students and new campuses.

