

2018 Ministry Report

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Greetings from snowy Illinois!

Thank you for your constant prayers and support. Our youth ministry has had a packed year filled with blessings. Our staff and ministry has been growing steadily. We even had two recent graduates return to serve the youth group while they're attending college. Our students are usually stressed out about school, but they've been growing a lot spiritually!



Aside from our weekly Sunday and Friday services, we had our first summer retreat as a ministry and our



first short-term mission trip to Guatemala. I invited a pastor friend from California to speak for us at the retreat. God used him to help our students to encounter God's love in a deeper way. Our Guatemala mission trip started out rough with several of our team members getting sick. However, we fought in prayer and it ended up being a profound and powerful trip. We

preached the Gospel (through skits, testimonies and preaching) to several Guatemalan schools and churches and held VBS for the children. Many of our Illinois students were able to receive a bigger picture of the kingdom of God and to cultivate a greater heart to serve God and His people.



In addition to leading our youth group, I've been meeting monthly with local Christian club leaders from different schools. During our meetings, the students share what they've been doing in their respective clubs and we encourage each other and strategize to bring the Gospel to each campus. In April, they planned a revival night where they invited people from their schools and churches,

including non-believers. Over 200 Junior High to High school students came and several responded to the Gospel! We also recently started working with an organization called National School Project to help mobilize more campus leaders to bring the Gospel to each school in the area.



By the grace of God and with your help, my time at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School is coming to a close. I took a full course load every semester and during the summer and was able to finish all my degree requirements. I will be graduating in two weeks (Dec. 14)! God has been tremendously faithful to me during the last few years, and although I'm thankful for the time I've spent at school, my desire is to start ministering full-time. However, I'm waiting for God to guide me wherever He wants me to go.

All in all, it's been a challenging but rewarding year. I see God shaping my heart and mind to prepare me for a lifetime of ministry. My hope and desire is to be a minister who can be faithful until I reach the finish line. Thank you again for your support and prayers. I could not have made it this far without it.

Blessings,

Andrew