

## INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The first part of this semester (Spring 2011) has been by far the most disappointing time for me in my 15 months here. Not only did I fail (again) to get a mission trip organized (granted, the conditions in Mexico made it unlikely we could go safely even if we got a group together, and other campus ministries we could have joined instead all seemed to have their breaks scheduled at a different time)—but I haven't been able to get students involved even in the basics of worship and Bible study either. They don't even seem willing to offer me different times or days when these events might fit their schedules better.

I have to shoulder a big portion of the blame too. I have been sub-consciously (and often consciously) looking away at what God wants for me next rather than giving these students the attention they deserve. It's hard to do ministry when you don't know whether you will (but are pretty sure you won't) be around to follow through.

In the brief time I have left, I need to make one more effort to get some students to commit to seeing what we might do here next. Hopefully that can be with their *next* leader (interim or permanent) in on the discussion and planning with them.

For sure I have learned:

- Campus ministry cannot be done effectively by somebody who's not willing to make it a *first* priority (even as a part-timer). That means *time* most of all (knowing you'll be here for a student generation at least).
- Campus ministry demands relational investment. I know that as much as I wanted to get involved with these kids, I held back a lot (because I was pretty sure I would not be here as long as they would be). I *should* have been able to invest myself anyway—our next director *has* to be able to do this.
- Our churches *want* to support and contribute to this ministry. And, they want it to "pay off" in terms of disciplined, growing students who are willing to make disciples themselves or their unreached friends.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve here. I will keep praying for UBF and (from Indiana) try to do what I can to help.

Respectfully submitted,

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