

McComas Chronicles

Every believer a rescuer, every unbeliever a chance

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Why Portland?

If you want to see the future of what American social culture might look like, head west! In the midst of all the mohawks and blue hair Portland is ground zero for the post-Christian culture.

The trends in Portland often spread to the entire Northwest and beyond. This is an influential city that is full of dynamic and creative people.

The beautiful thing is that Jesus loves this city. He loves the people. He is here in the midst of the brokenness and pain and he loves the students even as they search for purpose that lasts!

We are convinced that students desire to talk about things that are eternal. Young people here are desperate for real, authentic relationships that can only be found through Jesus Christ.

It's a myth that young people are hostile or averse toward talking about religion. In fact a recent study said **non-Christian students "generally seem happy to talk about religion if it happens to come up."**

That is why we exist in this city. We are engaging the hearts and minds of these future leaders that have never heard of the reality of Jesus Christ. Right now we're planning outreach events, prepping to launch small groups and praying on the campuses around Portland (specifically Portland State and the U. of Portland). We're asking God to change the lives of many of the students here on the way to transforming the city!



Update

As we've prayed for launching the ministry here, we've prayed for laborers to join with us. Recently Andy and Christina Garber joined our staff team!

Andy is a graduate of Montana State, who I've known since he was a wild freshman and Christina is a graduate of Washington State. Recently Jenna was a flower girl in their wedding! We're excited to have their passion for people and the Lord added to our team. Praise the Lord that God continues to provide for us. We now have a team of 9 (3 moms) that will help give leadership to our ministry over the coming years.



In adoption news, we're counting down the days until we will bring home our little boy! We're so thankful that God continues to uphold us in this process and provide for us. Baby is due at the end of August so life is about to accelerate, but we're so thankful for God's provision.

Please pray for the start of our fall events that are rapidly approaching. God is at work every day as we get emails like this! *"I would love to help with any planning or organizing you might need. I live on campus, so I am close and available for whatever you might need. Please contact me!"* -PSU student

Staff planning week August 22nd - 27th
U. of Portland "Freshmen Move In" Aug 26th
First weekly meeting at U. of Portland Sept 1st
U. of Portland club fair outreach Sept. 3rd
Ministry Volunteer Vision Night Sept 10th
Portland State Move In outreaches Sept 23rd -25th
Portland State - Party in Park outreach Sept 30th

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