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Dear Partners and Friends...

Greetings from FGCU & Florida Southwestern State College,

"...forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before," Philippians 3:13b -ки

SUMMER SUMMARY. This summer we held a *weekly Bible study* for *FSW/FGCU & NCF* students who remained in town, and added some new faces to our group. A couple of our student leaders worked at *Christian camps* out of town and out of state and *one led a camper to Christ*!

HURRICANE IRMA. Just as New Student Outreach was getting underway, we had a *"weather interruption"*. Some students evacuated as far north as Ohio. But after the storm, a couple of our students with trucks and gas helped take recovery supplies to hard hit local areas!

NEW STUDENT OUTREACH. Our students and I rebounded after the storm and met about *60 new students* at *outreaches* for *FGCU,FSW* and *NCF*. At *FGCU* we even gained a talented freshman keyboardist for our worship group !

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. *NCF* students were also able to help in the *Lee County* community after the storm, volunteering their skills at the *Dunbar Health Fair* where up to 100 residents received *free blood pressure screening*!

META17. October is *Fall retreat month*. This year *Fall retreat* got a new name. "*Sonburst*", the name since the 1990s, became "*Meta*", to highlight the change Jesus makes in those who follow Him. *Meta17* saw 420 from colleges all over Florida gather in Tampa for a weekend of worship, equipping and fellowship. *Fifteen* of the 34 self described non-Christians who attended made decisions to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord while at *Meta17*!

PRAYER REQUESTS.

- For students who are playing catch up on course work after missing 2-3 weeks of school in September due to *Irma*.
- For our *Thanksgiving student dinner* and *gift baskets* for needy families in the academic community.
- For successful rescheduling of the *International Student Reception* and *Faculty/Staff appreciation luncheon* which was postponed till winter 2018 due to venue unavailability after the Hurricane.

THANK YOU for your *prayers and financial support*. If you have not donated so far this academic year, please consider a *December gift* as we need to catch up also.





Jon, Jason and Bill talk with student at FGCU club fair.



Monica and Jon serve ice cream to students at Freshman Outreach.



Aria, Katie and Prof. Ellis talk with prospective nursing students.



Taylor (keyboard), Lauren, Alex, Marissa, Autumn and Dylan work on worship music.



South Florida students at Meta17.