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Reaching **COLLEGE STUDENTS** with Jeff and Karen



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EASTER OUTREACHES

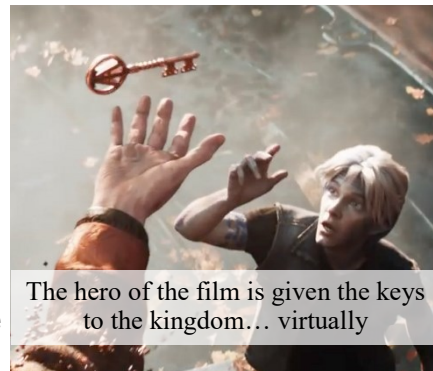
Easter Week was an incredible culmination of hard work and prayer as Karen and I got to participate in two enormous outreaches on campus.

On Wednesday, leaders from 9 different ministries brought our offering to the table in the form of an Easter Service on campus. I walked the campus, inviting students to grab some free pizza and observe the Holy Week with us through some powerful worship, a pastor's message, human video dances, spoken word poetry, testimony videos and interactive stations. Hundreds came and even out on the street I got to have some sweet gospel encounters as students discovered that God was alive and active at their school.

As people arrived they encountered Karen first, who served them pizza and a friendly greeting. The venue was packed continuously for the three hours and we are still hearing about positive ripple effects right to the top leadership of the school.

The very next day, I got to partner with the founder of the college in hosting a movie screening and discussion of the popular film [Ready Player One](#), which is about the creator of a virtual reality world starting a global online scavenger hunt for an "Easter Egg" containing his inheritance.

400 students and faculty registered! I got to lead an energetic discussion during the credits and then interview a panel of folks who were connected with the film. I capped the conversation by saying, "I believe the real world has a Creator as well, and His inheritance can be found in a sort of Easter Egg." I then had missionaries and pastors stationed in the wings to invite them to Easter church services and share a [gospel anime](#) Cru made. Please pray that what God has started will roll on with unstoppable force until every student comes to know Jesus!



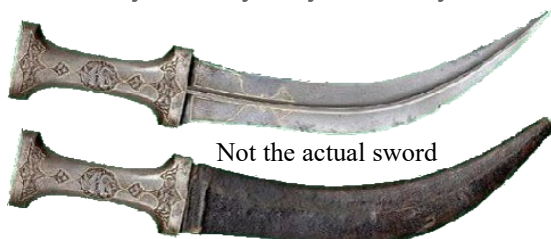
The hero of the film is given the keys to the kingdom... virtually

REACHING OUR ENEMIES

A [Jesus Film](#) team (made up of former jihadists who had been won to Christ) were fearlessly proclaiming the Truth of the gospel to their fellow tribesmen in a country that would shock you. They approached a highly-placed chief who oversaw more than 150 various tribes, nearly all militants. When the team members offered to show "JESUS" he put them in jail.

After 2 weeks, the guards asked to see the film because it was in their language. The chief heard what was happening and went to watch...in the prison! Midway through the film, he ordered them to stop and then he left. He immediately returned with his family. Soon, all the prisoners, the guards, the chief and his family were watching "JESUS"—and hearing the Word of God—within the confines of the prison! When it was over, the chief asked the film team to show it again. Afterward the chief left abruptly and returned, pulling out a tribal sword.

"This sword has been passed down from chief to chief for a thousand years." He handed the sword to the film team and said: "I am no longer a tribal chief. I'm handing over my life, my ways and my sword to you. I'm going to follow Jesus." Through his influence the team went on to show "JESUS" in all the villages. Within two weeks, several hundred house churches were planted ... all in a militant area! There is a war going on, but these people aren't our enemies and earthly weapons and strategies just will not do! (Shared with permission)



Not the actual sword

PRAISES

- * Reaching out together w/ other ministries
- * Gospel delivered to 300k homes in Orlando this month
- * Home & ministry life is getting more organized

REQUESTS

- * Wisdom for which opportunities to pursue (praise God for so many good things to choose from!)
- * Building our team
- * Students to sign up for summer missions
- * Family to be a light to everyone we encounter

Luke 19:17

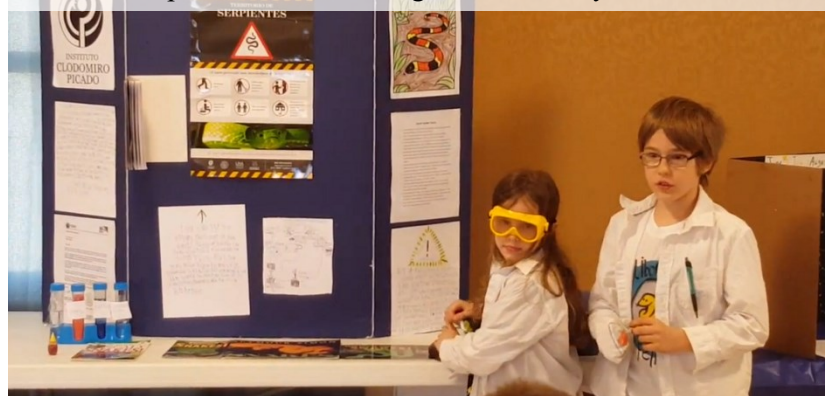
'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.'



Arthur and Katherine got to swing, bounce, balance and tumble with our neighbor and friend when our church visited a local gymnasium.



Arthur presenting about snake anti-venom at the our homeschool co-op science fair... along with his lovely assistant!



WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

When I (Karen) started coming to the weekly prayer gatherings on campus, I wasn't sure what my contribution to the group could be. As a full-time missionary who is trying to homeschool children who

are not quite self-sufficient, I frequently find myself torn between my different roles and responsibilities. Also, at most gatherings with Jeff, I'm the only female (not the case in this situation, for which I'm so thankful!), the only mom (there's one other in this group, yay!) and definitely the only homeschooler (all the other ladies there work full-time).

So, unsure exactly where I could make a difference, I went anyway only knowing that I wanted to be with a group of people who love God and are earnestly seeking His will together. As plans for the outreach came together and evolved, then changed at the last minute, I resolved to simply show up with a servant heart and just see if God wanted to use me specifically... and of course He did!

You may or may not know that Jeff calls me "The Love Sprinkle Fairy" because I delight in delighting others, but not in any kind of planned way. So the day of the big outreach, it should come as no surprise that I was needed in the area of hospitality. I don't know if I can explain how much God blessed my heart by allowing me to serve pizza to about 200 people and make them feel welcome.

In recent years I've come to recognize and accept that my primary role is to encourage people and pray for them (with them if possible), no matter where I am or which "hat" I'm wearing. I may not be able to launch and run campus movements like Jeff, or share the gospel every week, but the more I get to know myself and appreciate the way God made me, the more I can enjoy my strengths and His special uses for them. There are definitely still areas where I really struggle and wish I could be different, but I'm choosing to trust the Lord with this and every season ([Psalm 139:14-16](#)).

