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Dear Campus Life Friends,

A few weeks ago I walked into the juvenile detention center for our weekly Bible study. As I rounded one of the corners I saw two of the inmates (kids) standing in the hallway in handcuffs. What a sad sight. One boy and one girl - both only about 14 years old. Later they were escorted into the conference room where we hold our Bible study along with about six other young people. These kids aren't just in jail, they are learning and experiencing the very darkest side of life. That evening we talked about hope, the love of Christ and what that can mean for them personally. I'd like to be able to tell you that some of them accepted the gift of salvation that night as it was presented. But in all honesty I don't know if any of it got through. Their hurts are deep. Their scars are deeper. It's hard for them to understand a loving God when they may have never experienced unconditional love. Please pray with me that God will touch their lives, that they can find hope in Him and that they can truly experience His unfailing love.

On a different note, Andy and Denise took a team of young people to the Dare 2 Share ministry conference in Chicago. This annual event does a great job of challenging young people to live out their faith and to share it with their friends. Our team has come back energized and ready to serve as they strategize reaching out to the kids in their respective schools. **Pray for them!** It's hard enough for adults to actively share their faith, even more so for teens. (Note: this is how student leaders are born☺. Praise God.)

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU! Back in February we mailed a special appeal to our Campus Life friends regarding an opportunity we were given to receive a \$10,000 matching gift. In all honesty I didn't know if we would be able to raise the money needed to get the match or not. But once again our faithful friends came through. We not only raised the money to match, but actually exceeded it by about \$900.00. Thank you and thank God for His faithfulness.

Please pray without ceasing as we work on the front lines of youth (and family) ministry. Nothing can get accomplished without the power of God reaching out and touching peoples' lives. Thank you for your commitment to area teens and families, and for partnering with us in serving our loving God. You are needed, appreciated and are a huge blessing to this ministry.

Sincerely for teens,

Jim Green