

Community Outreach 2008-2009

Effective in the fall of 2008, Bethany College of Missions is incorporating more fully than ever its philosophy that the best learning and preparation happens in the context of experience.

We've always believed this strongly which is why we include extended internships that are strategically designed as part of each degree program we offer. Starting with the incoming 2008 class each student will more fully engage in ministry from the first week they begin studies.

We have partnered with a campus ministry at the University of Minnesota in downtown Minneapolis which this year is the largest University campus in the nation. Our ministry partners have spent many years using a house church planting model to reach every sphere of the University campus. Our newly designed course on Christian ministry will include each BCOM student as active participants in fulfilling this vision. Some will be released with a team to initiate new works among presently unreached groups on campus (including a vast number of immigrant groups) while others come alongside already established entities to bring strength and greater capacity to them.

Our commitment to prayer as the basis for all vibrant and valid ministry will be obvious in this course in that we will be uprooting our House of Prayer team from campus each week downtown while this outreach is happening. The course will begin with students spending a few weeks praying over the campus asking God to break through in power to pave the way for His Spirit to work and also to prepare the hearts of students who the Holy Spirit will set apart for specific works. Each week of involvement will commence with teaching related to the fundamentals of New Testament ministry and will be followed by a time of reflection in order for learning to most effectively occur.

We're excited that you've decided to study and prepare at BCOM and more so now because of the immediate impact you'll be having on the largest University campus in the nation. You will be learning to be a missionary while being a missionary and that's been at the core of our concept of training for over sixty years now. I look forward to meeting you soon and have great expectation for the work God will do in your life at Bethany.

For the Glory of Jesus,

Ken Krause
Director
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