



2020 WINTER REPORT

UCM is an on-campus Christian community where students can encounter Jesus right where they are!

Dear Support Team,

Although this University school year ended very differently than expected, we have much to celebrate about how Jesus has been working in the lives of students recently. This report is meant to provide you with a measurable summary of our ministry activities from this past term.

COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP:

Thursday Nights: This semester we have seen an **average of 60 students** attending our weekly worship gathering. This event includes student-led worship, open-mic, planned testimonies, and messages designed for young adult university culture. Our topics this semester included:

- **Encounter** (January): A series about seeking to encounter God with our whole being. (Guests included Pastor David Ruis and Carmen Rempel).
- **Why We're Here** (February): A series about the big picture of the Bible's teaching on vocation. Why we're here is about everyone, everything, everywhere, in every moment. (Guest included Dr. Todd Statham).
- **Teamwork Makes the Dream Work** (March): A series about pursuing God in the company of friends. (Guest included Sarah Marriott).

Emerge Retreat: On January 17-19 we brought **39 students to our province-wide UCM retreat**.

- Our theme was "Vocation". The guest speaker was Jessica DiSabatino, Lead Pastor of Journey Church (PAOC) in Calgary, AB. She engaged students through her storytelling, humour, and challenged us to not live with a scarcity mindset, but one of abundance, as Jesus taught. We received a grant of \$2200 for the bus transportation and gave away \$205 in subsidies. A highlight was seeing 17 new students attend for their first time.

CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP:

- **Core Groups:** This semester **6 student leaders facilitated 4 groups** for belonging and becoming more like Jesus. Unfortunately our Monday night group fizzled out when several exchange students moved and others had schedule changes. Our other 3 groups studied the book of Acts. We saw **56 students attend a group** with an average weekly attendance of 26.

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- **Discipleship Huddles:** We saw **17 leaders commit to being a disciple who makes disciples**. Pastor James led two weekly huddles with 6 guys. Pastor Reena led one weekly huddle with 7 women leaders. Additionally, two senior students led a huddle each with 4 students.
 - **Pastoral Care:** James and Reena have had **145 pastoral care meetings** this semester. Through these one-on-one meetings we've been able to hear their stories, pray for them and encourage them in their spiritual growth.

MISSION OF HOSPITALITY:

We reach out to extend the hospitable love of Jesus to our peers and to the campus. Below are specific programs and activities we did this past semester:

- **Grocery Runs:** We continued our free shuttle van service this term, in partnership with The House church. Every Tuesday night for 12 weeks we provided up to 14 students with a ride to the grocery store. Several volunteers are **inviting new friends to UCM** through this bridge-building ministry.
- **Red Frogs:** Party-culture is changing at UBCO. Most large party and Pub events on campus were cancelled this past term because of the feedback from administration. Pastor James & Reena continue to serve on a UBC committee to discuss party-culture on campus.
- **Outreach Table:** Pastor Reena and 4 volunteers hosted an **outreach table twice a month** where students could engage a question or activity about our Thursday Night topic.
- **Procrastination Stations:** Our student leaders hosted **bi-monthly social events** where UCM students would bring a friend to procrastinate and have fun on the weekends.

FUNDING:

- **Staff Salaries:** Pastor James is currently receiving his full salary. He has approximately \$10,000 to raise by December. Pastor Reena is receiving 72% of her approved salary. She hopes to raise an additional \$500 in monthly support this summer.
- **Ministry Budget:** Funding was met for all our on-campus ministry activities this past term. There is sufficient donations budgeted for our ministry needs for the summer term.

Thank you for your on-going prayers and support of sharing Jesus with students at UBCO!

Sincerely,

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