

School of Leadership and Ministry Development

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Creating Understanding

Currently, I am receiving more training in Youth With a Mission (YWAM) through a school about leadership and ministry development. Each week my mind expands and my thoughts are challenged as different speakers teach me about topics such as apologetics, the Bible, and communication.

I thoroughly enjoyed learning about communication as I discovered it is much broader than public speaking. Our teacher, Dow, gave me a new perspective on communication by defining it as creating understanding.

God has been communicating to create understanding in us since we were created. The Lord is our best example of how to communicate. Since we are

made in God's image we were made to communicate. We communicate daily, either verbally or non-verbally. We also have the power to bring life through our communication, by encouraging others and being positive or we can bring death, by gossiping or using harsh words.

God longs to create understanding about who He is and His plans for the world. I hope to communicate truths about God each day with my life. Will you join me?



I practiced creating understanding by public speaking for 5 minutes in front of my schoolmates



Praying for Brittni after giving her my book, My Utmost for His Highest, during a giving time.

Giving Generously

As part of the School of Leadership and Ministry Development (SOMLD), I had a time to give items away to my teammates. I was encouraged to pray to ask God for specifics on what to give and who to give to.

On giving day I was moved to tears as people gave away their i-pods, cameras, printers, money and more.

One of my friends, Esther, secretly hoped she would not receive anything but ironically ended up with the most gifts.

During this time, I received some money that I felt I should immediately give to my friend Janelle. Then I had an idea to give one of my favorite books, My Utmost for His Highest, to a friend, Brittni. This

thought surprised me because I thought she had her own copy. As I offered Brittni my book I was surprised to discover she had lost her copy when she moved to Vancouver!

Through this hour of giving I experienced God's extremely generous nature and if I am willing, I can live a life of generosity.

Joys:

-I have joined a dance team at a local church. So much fun!
-the sun is beginning to shine in Vancouver
-From June 30 to August 20 my team will be in Central Asia and for two weeks of our trip we will help run reconciliation camps for youth, I'm super excited!

Prayer Requests:

-wisdom for our team as we prepare for our trip to Central Asia
-that all funds would come in as, collectively our team needs \$10,200 to pay for our mission trip to Central Asia
-personally, for even more courage to step out in social situations and build healthy relationships with people

"And let us consider how we may spur on one another toward love and good deeds."

-Hebrews 10:24

Please prayerfully consider partnering with me through financial support

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