



# Lehighlights

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## Who is Jesus?

What would you think of a person who is called the Word, the Life, the Light, the Bread, the Shepherd, the Door, the Way, the Truth, the Resurrection, and the Vine? Schizophrenic! Jesus did not have multiple personalities – he used all these terms to describe His eternal nature and the infinite number of ways He serves us. Jesus teaches us, guides us, feeds us, protects us, and makes us fruitful. Above all, Jesus gives us life. We who entered this world with a death sentence upon our heads have been given eternal life. We who were enslaved to sin have been set free by Jesus to live for Him. What a Savior! What a God!

This is a taste of the teaching in our Large Group meetings this semester. We studied selected portions of John's gospel to see more clearly who Jesus really is. Unbelievers came and heard the gospel of salvation by faith in Christ. Believers heard the gospel of living by faith in the Christ who saved them.

We are solidly convinced that the scripture is the power of God for salvation – so we preach Christ all over campus. The freshmen Bible studies learned about the immense love of God by studying 1 John. Upperclassmen studies covered Judges, Mark's gospel, Galatians, and James. We are constantly seeking to reach more of Lehigh with the gospel, and the Bible studies are a primary means of doing so. This semester we had 10 Bible studies in all, including the new one for the track team. Next semester we are planning one for non-Christians and new believers, and also possibly a grad student Bible study.

The fall semester included our regular line-up of events. A good crowd attended the fall conference and learned about sanctification. A month later 14 students attended our training conference to learn how to study the Bible and how to train others. We are seeking to strengthen our overall leadership capability. Leadership will be the theme of our Ministry Team retreat next month.

Perhaps the best improvement this fall was the addition of Flora, our RUF intern. Flora is featured in this month's focus article on page 2.

## Exec Team

In the beginning everything RUF did required my assistance. It took a few years, but eventually students began to take responsibility for different aspects of the ministry. As the number of student leaders increased, we had to reorganize ourselves to keep the ministry effective and responsive to changing needs. At this point over 30 students are part of the Ministry Team, which operates in two divisions. The Bible Study Team leads Bible studies in the dorms and across campus. The Task Team executes the many activities of our group. Within the Task Team is the Exec Team, which meets weekly and handles the day-to-day operation of the group.

Lehigh RUF has activities every day of the semester. Each week we have Noon Prayer every day, Bible studies three days, Large Group Tuesday night, social activities on Friday, and Ministry Team on Sunday night. Then there are the special events which happen on Saturdays and other times. The Exec Team keeps these going by recruiting, training, and supervising people to handle these responsibilities. Each person does his job well, and everything goes smoothly – most of the time!



Sheryl, Peter, Ben, Gabe, Crissy, Amy

Ben Philip is the president. He is one of the most organized people I know. He had prepared a schedule for the Exec Team meetings before the semester began! He also

reminds me of things I tend to forget. Gabe West is the vice-president and in charge of publicity. At the moment he is working on a publicity campaign for our Large Group meetings next semester. Peter Green is the treasurer. I am so relieved that someone else is handling the money! He works with the fund-raising chairman and the retreat coordinator to maintain adequate income. I especially appreciate his taking care of conference income and expenses. Sheryl Cherian is our secretary. She keeps records, supervises the webmaster, and interacts with the university. Crissy Schindler is in charge of logistics. She gets rooms, equipment, and materials for our events. Amy Smith oversees special events, such as the Parents' Brunch and the Victory Party (after the Lehigh-Lafayette football game).

The work of the Exec Team is vital in enabling everyone to focus on his own ministry responsibility. The Bible study leaders can enthusiastically invite their members to our events knowing that they will be a huge blessing to anyone who comes. When you pray for these people, you are participating in the heart of ministry here at Lehigh. Please remember to pray for them as a group and by name, for God to preserve and use them mightily in His service.

## **Funding Report**

It is practically impossible to raise funds in the midst of the semester. Certainly it cannot be done without neglecting the students we are here to serve. Even so our income improved this fall and we have been able to pay some outstanding bills. Thank you for your prayers and gifts which keep this ministry growing. At this holiday season we are grateful for your Christmas spirit all year long.

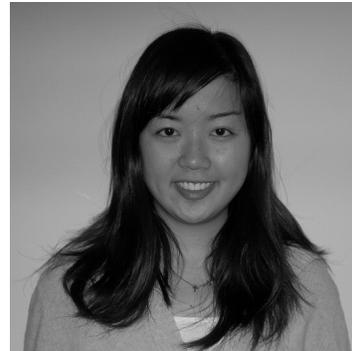
We still need to increase our annual income by \$10,000 to get financially stable. Until I can resume the quest for new funds, please continue to pray for God to meet our needs. Pray earnestly for churches to place us in their budgets. Pray also for recent alumni to give generously.

I am praying also that God will supply \$10,000 this month. Will you join me in this prayer? And as you prepare your year-end giving, please support our ministry at Lehigh as generously as you can.

## **Focus on Flora Yee-kwong**

In one of the campus's busiest dining rooms two girls chatted over lunch. It was their third lunch together since the school year began. Jen, a non-Christian, occasionally attends a Bible study in one of the upperclassmen dorms. She met Flora Yee-Kwong at a picnic during Welcome Week.

Their conversation drifted from school work to life and finally God. Then, Jen began asking Flora why she believed the Bible. Jen was struggling to define her own faith. Although she knew the "right" answers to many of the Bible study questions, Jen wasn't even sure if there is one God or many.



After their talk Jen thanked Flora. Before that lunch Jen had spoken to other Christians who didn't welcome questions. The two girls plan to have many more conversations about God.

Flora's earlier experience at Brown University prepared her to answer Jen's questions. When Flora left Hong Kong for college four years ago, she expected to have a typical American experience. Instead, she discovered that the students at Brown challenged everything and were very critical of American culture.

"Brown is a very diverse school," Flora says, "not just ethnically and geographically, but in opinion."

Flora's own faith was challenged by her classmates, and she was forced to consider what she believed.

Flora became a Christian in Hong Kong. When she was young, her grandmother from Boston visited Flora's family in Hong Kong. Flora's grandmother, a devout Christian, was shocked to discover that Flora's family did not own any Bibles. Through her grandmother's prompting, Flora's family began going to church.

Although Flora believed the Bible stories she heard in Sunday school, she did not understand why they were important. So, when Flora was 13 years old, she asked her older sister what the stories meant.

"My sister made the connections for me," Flora says.

That day, Flora became a Christian, but her spiritual growth was slow until she came to Brown. During her freshman year, the college fellowship she was involved in merged with RUF. An older girl from Flora's Bible study met with Flora for one-on-one Bible studies, and encouraged Flora to become more active in the group.

"She got me hooked," Flora remembers. "I appreciated someone who was intentionally reaching out to me."

A few years later, Flora was the one reaching out to younger student as she led a women's Bible study in her junior year.

"I did everything wrong," she says with a laugh. As a new leader, Flora answered her own questions, talked too long as she taught. During that year, Flora would occasionally feel helpless. She could not see how God was slowly changing her and the other women.

"When I look back," Flora says, "I am reminded that I need to be patient and wait for God's timing."

The girls in Flora's study became stronger Christians through their time together, and today they are all active in a church.

"By His grace the girls grew a lot," she observes. "It was not dependent on my own works."

Flora grew to love working with RUF, and by her senior year, she was considering working in a ministry. Flora first learned about the RUF internship through an intern at Brown, Annie Degenhardt. Flora realized that through the two-year internship program she could determine whether God was calling her to full-time ministry. So, Flora spoke to Annie, her RUF leader and other significant people in her life. She also read *Step by Step* by James C. Petty, a book focusing on determining how to serve God through decisions.

"The more I found out, and the more I talked about it, the surer I felt," Flora says. "I saw myself doing it [interning] with a passion."

Although Flora's parents were initially surprised by her decision to apply, they quietly supported her decision.

So, Flora began applying to the internship last January. She was accepted early that spring. In April, Flora received a letter telling her which school she would serve. That school was Lehigh University.

At the time, Lehigh meant little more to her than a name and a location in the northeast. But since arriving this summer, Flora has already begun to see Lehigh as home.

"I love it here," she says, "It is the best job in the world."

Flora's ministry focuses on freshman and other students who are casually connected to RUF. She meets with girls over lunch or coffee, building friendships and guiding them to Christ.

Flora's other responsibilities include reading books about Christian living; studying the Bible; meeting with David Green, the campus minister; assisting several Bible studies, and raising support. Next semester, she will begin leading a women's Bible study.

Even through her short time at Lehigh, Flora has continued to grow spiritually and to help other students to know God better as well. Flora trusts that the remainder of her two-year internship will be just as fruitful.

"I'm so thankful to be here," Flora concludes.

— by Becky Straw

## Christmas Reflections

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*The heavenly Father's only Son,  
He left His rightful glorious throne;  
The Lord through whom the worlds were made  
Is in the humble manger laid.*

*The brightness of the Light divine  
Doth now into our darkness shine;  
It breaks upon sin's gloomy night  
And makes us children of the light.*  
11<sup>th</sup> century Latin

2,000 troops killed in Iraq, New Orleans destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, tens of thousands in Pakistan killed by an earthquake, Iran developing a nuclear bomb — people of all political and religious views agree that this world is a dark and dangerous place. The U.S. victories in Afghanistan and Iraq were impressive, but now we seem helpless to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power, and Katrina was a sharp rebuke to national pride.

It should be clear that man cannot save himself. Only God can save him. At Christmastime our hope is strengthened by remembering that God did come to save us. God did not delegate this job to angels, but He came in person, lived our life, and ultimately died to give us eternal life. And just as He makes us who believe into children of light, there will come a day when His light will dispel the darkness from every corner of this world!

At this Christmas season may the brightness of the Light divine shine into your life and give you renewed love, joy, and hope.



