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Dordt students attend Passion Conference in Georgia

Kelly Zatlin
Editor

Eight Dordt students came back from Christmas break with Romans 1:16 running through their minds after attending the Passion Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The conference which began on January 2, featured Christian speakers and musicians, including Chris Tomlin and Hillsong, from all over the world in order to raise awareness about human trafficking.

As stated on its website, “Passion has had the privilege of encountering millions of students and 18-25 year olds, a sea of young people whose lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Their voice is getting louder, as they rise, united as a generation, bringing hope and light to the world.”

Over the course of three days, the 45,000 college students attending the conference raised over three million dollars, triple the intended goal.

Though Passion’s goal for the week was to stop human trafficking, the conference itself dedicated much of its time to praising God in song and in prayer. Every Dordt student that came away from Passion had a testimony to share about the spiritual growth they encountered as well as the new understanding they have of Jesus and his astounding grace.

An overarching theme that most of them expressed was that of not being ashamed in Christ.

“The biggest things I got out of it personally was being unashamed in our faith,” said Brittany Arkenma. “It was really amazing for me to see that many college students sit up for Christ and doing so much for the world around them, but also coming together and helping each other.”

Student Sung Jae Ko, who almost missed the conference because all the tickets were sold out, came away from Passion feeling as though he could more freely express his faith and love for God.

Upon coming back to Dordt, a phrase that keeps running through his mind is, “what can I do with my faith today?”

Student Micah Applegate who also attended Passion says he “met his wife for sure” at the conference, but more importantly, he said “I really grew in my faith, as in my belief in what God does and what he can do.”

The future goal that the students have since they have left Passion and are back in their routine is to continue on in this faith and not let their “passion” for Christ fade. They hope they will be able to shine Christ’s light here at Dordt so that everyone may know him.

“We’ve got to tell our friends about Jesus and we’ve got to bring them to Jesus, not forcefully, but praying for the campus and being very active and unashamed in Christ,” said Gail Dirkse.

Hymn writers perform for Dordt’s annual Day of Encouragement

Hymn writers Keith and Kristyn Getty

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Dordt College’s eighth annual Day of Encouragement on Saturday, February 4, will feature a variety of guest speakers as well as the headlining, hymn writing couple, Keith and Kristyn Getty.

“We try to create a more timeless musical style that every generation can sing, a style that relates to the past and the future,” said Keith Getty describing his purpose and the future, “said Keith and Kristyn Getty.

Along with his wife, Kristyn, Getty is at the vanguard of a modern form of musical style that brings hymn-like worship songs in the church.

“In the church, the purpose of singing is to express the community we have as the body of Christ,” said Kristyn.

Keith added, “What we sing affects how we think, how we feel, and ultimately how we live, so it’s so important that we sing the whole scope of truth the Bible has given us.”

The couple will conclude Dordt’s Day of Encouragement with a concert.

The day begins, however, at 8:30 a.m. with opening devotions and worship, followed by a day full of sessions led by respected church leaders and covering topics from pastoral ministry to worship services and youth ministry.

According to Wes Fopma, Dordt’s director of church relations, there are activities “for pastors, elders, deacons, and everybody at local churches. For example, the series on supporting the seriously ill addresses a topic that can be for deacons, but is difficult for anyone.”

The conference which started on Saturday, February 4, will come back from Christ and doing so much for the world around them, but also coming together and helping each other.”

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Getting involved and enjoying it
Twenty-three student-run clubs you never knew about

Danielle Richards
Staff Writer

With all the hustle and bustle of daily college life, few students realize the number of clubs Dordt has to offer. In addition to the committees and service projects, Dordt supports 23 student-led clubs. Many students are unaware of how to join a club, but the truth is, it's quite easy.

To join a club, or to learn more information about any certain club, Student Symposium suggests students talk to these leaders or participants in the club:

Club/Contact:
Comedy League/ Jonathon Postuma
Concrete Canoe Club/ Benjamín Hofland
FACT Club (Future Active Christian Teachers) Faith and Film/ Jason Stahenburgh
Kappa Business Club/ Kelsey Terveen and Hannah Hart
Future Physicians/ Austin Sprock
IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Faculty Members
Justice Matters/ Jeni Kanis
Latin Dance Club/ Jonny Grottenhuis
Mu Kappa Club (Missionary Kid Club)/ Benjamín Hofland
Nursing Club/ Cindy Gave
Prayer Team/ Wendy Gomez
Pre-Physical Therapy/ Pre-Vet Tyler Te Grootenhuis
Presbyterian Student Fellowship/ Miguel Lantam
Psychology/ Laura Schrotenboer
Sociology/ Ben Hofland
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Students With Borders/ Toby Doorink
Swing Dance Club/ Anna Van den Akker
WISE Club (Women in Science and Engineering)/ Val Zonnefeld

These clubs are mostly open for all students to join. Many of the clubs are eager to invite new members, and many offer students a variety of networking opportunities for future careers. Several club leaders have offered information about their clubs.

One of these clubs is the Concrete Canoe Club. “Our first semester of design work has come to a close, and we now are starting out on a semester of building, construction, and getting-your-hands-dirty fun,” President Benjamin Hofland said. “We can always use more help.” The Concrete Canoe Club meets at 7 P.M. on Mondays in SB229.

Another club of interest at this time of year is the Justice Matters Club. “We try to host people and events that raise student awareness of local and international justice issues. When doing this, we also try to offer practical ways for students to become involved in promoting justice also,” said member Jeni Kanis. The Justice Matters Club meets Tuesday evenings in the upstairs library study room.

Several clubs deal with ministry outreach. One of these clubs is the Prison Ministries Club. “Being a part of the Prison Ministries Club is a great experience that helps to break down barriers and stigmas that have been put up around jail and the individuals found within its walls,” said president Emily McFarland. This club visits the Sioux Falls Men’s Penitentiary around 4 times a semester, greeting and encouraging the prisoners there.

Another popular club is the Latin Dance club, led by Jonny Grottenhuis. Information on joining this club can be found on the club’s Facebook page, “DC Latin Dance Club.” The goal of this club is to get students from both Dordt and nearby colleges involved with Latin Dancing in both a social setting and at a performance level,” said Jonny Grottenhuis.

Don’t see a club you want to join? Students are encouraged to begin their own clubs by contacting Student Symposium, or Lisa Smith, the Club Representative for Student Symposium. Dordt provides funding for approved student-led clubs.

For the love of AMOR

AMOR group in Jamaica
Photo by Allison Vellama

Kristin Janssen
Staff Writer

While some students spend their Christmas breaks at home, visiting family, and working to pay for the second semester, others spend a week serving, learning, and loving in Central American countries. This past Christmas break, 15 Dordt students volunteered in Nicaragua and Jamaica through the AMOR program.

Kurt Franje and Kristin Scholten are the two Dordt students who spent 10 days in Nicaragua learning, observing, and working alongside Nicaraguan farmers and their families through the Farmer-to-Farmer program.

While in Nicaragua, the duo served alongside American Farmer-to-Farmer representatives. The program loans Nicaraguan farmland to Nicaraguan farmers. The Nicaraguans farm the land in order to provide food for their families and eventually pay off the price for the loaned land by selling the livestock and produce to other Nicaraguans. Most farmers are able to pay off the land within 5-7 years.

Franje and Scholten toured several of these farms. During their time in Nicaragua, they learned the entire process of producing coffee and were also able to participate in leading Bible school, playing soccer games, and engaging in community meals.

Franje shared that AMOR was his first experience in a developing country. “It was good to see the Kingdom of God in other nations through worshipping, working, and community life,” said Franje. While Franje and Scholten learned more about farming in Nicaragua, 13 other Dordt students celebrated the New Year with Jamaican children in the communities of Kingston and Bamboo, Jamaica. This same group also visited a children’s orphanage, special needs’ orphanage, infirmary, and children’s hospital. The students helped serve meals and play with the children.

Kelli Durant, one of the AMOR Jamaica participants, especially enjoyed playing with the kids. “Through the trip, she learned that she has a lot to be thankful for due to God’s blessings. Kelli believes that the trip to Jamaica fit the mission to AMOR because the group of students was able to “show God’s love through giving food and playing or even just holding kids who don’t get that love.”

A final AMOR trip was planned for Costa Rica, but the trip fell through at the last minute. Instead, the same group will be headed to Liberia with Aaron Baart over Spring Break.

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Volunteering at Dordt
Who’s doing it and how you too can get involved!

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Just as college is an opportunity to reshape your life, it’s also an opportunity to reshape your outlook on volunteering. It’s more than just something you have to do to fulfill a service project requirement, and there are more opportunities out there than you may think.

Have a certain skill or passion you want to put into action? Volunteering is hardly limited to a few select “genres.” In fact, according to the Community Outreach Programs Club, there is a range of opportunities available to everyone.

Love working with kids? Schools like Head Start Pre-School and Kinsey Elementary School offer students the chance to get to know kids and help them get ready for elementary school or, for those already in elementary or middle school, with homework and tutoring. Or, if you just want to remember what it was like to be in kindergarten yourself, the Kidzone and Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations let you join activities like gym time, or let you spend an hour after school reading to someone who just might be your new best friend. Maybe you want something that requires a little more muscle. You could help Habitat For Humanity restore old or neglected houses so they can turn around and use them as new living spaces for low-income families. Or you could help unload and sort donated items to another organization, Justice For All, which provides support for charity thrift stores and low-income families.

These are just a few of the many organizations and opportunities to which you could give a few hours of your week. There are opportunities to spend time with the elderly at Franken Manor, to work in a soup kitchen with Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc, or to join the inmates of South Dakota State Penitentiary for an evening worship service through Cornerstone Prison Church.

Steven Pederson, director of the Community Outreach Program/COPs Club, says that there are many needs in the community that are not taken care of for lack of love, but for lack of awareness. “We just try to get people out to see the world outside of their own world.” If you feel like you missed your opportunity to sign up with these organizations the first time they came to Dordt, don’t worry. All Campus Service Days are being planned for March 3 and April 21. These will be Saturday mornings in which teams of students will be sent out with several local organizations to work and serve in the community.

Here’s a few testimonials from students who have already volunteered:

Allison Kraayenbrink, Senior
Volunteers at Sioux Center Christian School

“This semester, I am tutoring at Sioux Center Christian School Monday and Thursday afternoons...and I am really enjoying it! Most students just need help focusing and staying on task while they complete their work. One of the things that is most challenging is trying to explain division. We all know how to do it, but most of us don’t know why it works! I love it because I get to practice my “teacher skills” and help kids at the same time! I would recommend to anyone to consider tutoring for volunteer work. Even if you’re not an education major, it is still a great opportunity to work with kids–maybe even stretch you a little bit outside your comfort zone!”

Karisa Vander Groef, Junior
Volunteers at The Bridge, Orange City

“My role [at The Bridge] is mentoring a young girl. Every other week, we spend a few hours together so that she gets some one-on-one time with an older role model. We love to go swimming, color, or just explore playgrounds in the area. The opportunity to spend time with someone younger than college age is wonderful! At times it can be a challenge, but it is also so rewarding.”

Liz Boender, Freshman
Volunteers at Orange City Christian School

“The second time I volunteered, I stretched myself and decided to help with tutoring at Orange City Christian School. It is proving to be a good experience going once a week to help with homework for an hour. It is interesting working with students that are at an age I once was at, and feeling the same things I felt. The experience I’ve had with the people who organize these opportunities are fantastic; they are great at letting you know what needs to happen and where you need to be. I love that Dordt has such a giving spirit and helps students help others.”
One Last Christmas Story...

Danae Geels

written as intended, I’ll try to be a little clearer. How often do we say thank you to God for all the gifts He has given us?--for friends and family, for our education, for our financial blessings, for our ease of access to church or other means of spiritual growth, for our abundance of clothing and food…the list goes on and on. After returning from developing countries, I was frequently asked the question; “So I bet you’ve thanked God for the blessings you have back here, huh?” What am I supposed to say? Yes, I have, but is that all that I need?--a continued desire to say thank you?

What about showing my thankfulness? I hope you can tell from my story, it is quite the contradiction when we say “thank you” but don’t actually use our God-given blessings.

Actions really do speak louder than words. If I tell God how thankful I am to get a new sweater but it stays in my closet all winter long, will she believe me? If I tell God how thankful I am for my financial security, but I keep all the money to myself, failing to trust that God will provide, will He believe me?

God has given each of us specific gifts for a specific reason. I was not randomly born into a relatively wealthy family. I did not just happen to grow up in America rather than Haiti. God, by His grace, has chosen to give me these specific blessings for a reason.

I don’t know about you, but I intend to actually show God how thankful I am by putting these gifts into use. Easier said than done? Probably—but that’s where total surrender to the work of the Holy Spirit comes in. With God, ALL things are possible.

Consider it a belated New Year’s Resolution.

Opinion

Senioritis

Adrian Hielem

I like to think that, when we’re around certain people, we tend to fall into a specific role, to act in the way they expect us to act. Like an actor arriving on set to shoot a sequel, we portray someone who, while not being our actual self, is still a comfortable and familiar role to slip into. I’m sure there’s a psychological term for that, but I wouldn’t know it; I spent most of my Social Psychology class doodling pictures of Sigourney Weaver and Carl Jung having lightsaber fights.

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Since the entire world seems to be this man, I thought this would be the perfect opportunity for me to voice my opinion on Tim Tebow.

You all know the story of Tebow. One of the most prominent and successful college athletes in history, Tebow was the first sophomore to win the prestigious Heisman trophy award and he helped lead the Florida Gators to two national championships. Tebow is also a Christian who never shies away from sharing his faith with anyone.

After Tebow's senior year, there were questions of whether he could be an effective quarterback at the next level. Many professional scouts saw him as a running back or maybe even a tight end, but Tebow made it clear that he wanted to play quarterback. He tweaked his throwing motion to be more suitable for the NFL. The Broncos shocked the world and took Tebow with the 25th overall pick. After a shaky rookie season, Tebow was named the starting quarterback over Kyle Orton after the Broncos started 1-4. Tebow was the third quarterback before he became the starting quarterback over Kyle Orton after the Broncos started 1-4. Tebow was the third quarterback to list on the depth chart behind Norte Dame graduate Brady Quinn, but Tebow got the job because he's Tim Tebow.

"Tebow-mania" began as the Broncos went on a stretch where they went 7-1, but then they went on a three game losing streak to win the AFC West. Tebow was the third quarterback to list on the depth chart behind Norte Dame graduate Brady Quinn, but Tebow got the job because he's Tim Tebow.
The Prairie Grass Film Challenge (PGFC) is an annual 48 hour film-making competition hosted by Dordt in which teams of high school students, college students, and older persons submit short films. The teams have from 4 p.m. on January 12 until 4 p.m. on January 14 to complete and submit their films online. The films must be a minimum of five minutes and a maximum length of eight minutes.

“I love the chance to compete head to head with other fellow class-men at Dordt, and then getting to see them all across Sioux Center film different scenes for their movie,” said Jeff Cooke, sophomore digital media major at Dordt, who participated in PGFC last year and decided that he enjoys editing, even though pre-production is fun too.

“Pre-production is one of the most fun steps because you throw ideas around and get everybody jumping around the room in excitement because they have some crazy idea to incorporate into the film. Generally the ideas are pretty out-of-this-world, but that’s what makes the film so good because there is always someone who can build off of it,” Cooke said.

Jason Stuhrenburg, junior digital media major at Dordt, participated in PGFC this year for the first time.

“I think what I enjoy most is seeing the idea come to completion, looking back, realizing how little sleep and functioning you actually had… It forces you to think on your feet, make decisions, and move on with your life,” Stuhrenburg said.

Teams who participated in PGFC could not begin filming until they received an email with four important items all necessary in the creation of their films. This year the four items were genre, prop, line of dialogue, and character.

“It’s hard working on a team -- especially at that pace. There’s got to be room for give and take,” Stuhrenburg said.

Now that production is over, the teams are looking forward to the award ceremony that is being held in the B.J. Haan on February 17.

Promoting cultural pluralism and individual equality through artistic excellence. Since 1976, Mixed Blood Theatre has provided compelling, skillful entertainment as well as promoted societal change. An average of 75,000 people per year watch their productions.

Mixed Blood Theatre has become a renowned for its convicting productions — its challenges and its celebrations alike — productions that show no signs of slowing.

April Hubbard, a Professor of Theatre Arts, says, “Dordt has been bringing in performances by the Mixed Blood Theatre for many years.”

In 2009, Theory of Mind was performed in the B.J. Haan. It was based on the effects of autism and provoked a lot of discussion around campus.

“Their productions celebrate diversity and expose the Dordt college campus to theatre they are unlikely to see performed in this area,” said Hubbard.

Hubbard was impressed with Mixed Blood Theatre’s previous shows and says she’s “certain the upcoming performance of Daughters of Africa will also be well worth attending.”
What if...
A humorous look at the many “what ifs” throughout history

By Alex Updike

So you are back on campus, ready to hit the books, continue your education, and strive for academic perfection, right? Ya, me neither, but it’s what we choose to do. But what if you had declined to come back? What if you had told Dordt what they could do with that $15,000 dollars its costing you to have your face fall off due to the cold on your way to class? What if you had just told yourself, “You know what, self? I don’t need ‘higher education’ and I’m not going to spend exorbitant amounts of money to get it!” Well, the fact that your reading this means you obviously didn’t, so there’s really no need to dwell on it.

But you know what we should dwell on? Acronyms! That’s right, acronyms! I’m talking to you, SOPA. We all know about SOPA because every high school and college student that had to write a research paper was pulling his hair out for 24 hours waiting for Wikipedia to stop “making their point.” SOPA, or the Stop Online Piracy Act, is an act to stop online piracy (what can I say, the acronym is pretty self-explanatory), and the Senate’s version of the bill is planned to be brought up for vote soon. The legislation is highly controversial, but I think that if we are willing to focus on what the real consequences of its passing would be, the choice will be simple. So, what if SOPA passes and becomes law?

First, the amount of music downloaded for personal use would drop at least 99%. I mean, it already costs about $12-$15 dollars to buy a CD at a store, and iTunes is way too mainstream for the growing hipster population. That means, without free downloads, the only choice left is to simply listen to what is already on our iPods and never buy music again… unless you’re a corporate sellout! Without people listening to new music, general satisfaction and enjoyment in life drops and the world becomes a mess of depressed, xenon-zombies that slowly take over the world, one slow, mutilated step at a time. And nobody wants that.

Secondly, the good folks at Wikipedia tell me that the enactment of SOPA could “greatly affect” YouTube. So, YouTube???? How are my roommates and I supposed to bond over a piece of corn named Akbar if there’s no YouTube? It’s a well-known fact that the number one source of male-roommate bonding takes place over YouTube videos. Without YouTube, male roommates never get along. Because of this, male college students everywhere become more and more disheartened with their rooming situations, causing them to have a generally more pessimistic view of life. It’s also a well-known fact that women don’t like pessimistic guys. This being the case, relationships drop off completely, marriages never happen, and the earth’s population literally dies out.

So there you have it. If SOPA passes into law, the human race ends. It sounds simple enough to me; I mean, I don’t even understand what the problem is. When has a non-Somalian pirate ever not been awesome? And I don’t think Somalia even has the internet, so what’s the big deal? But I digress. I don’t have a vote, so maybe my flawless logic doesn’t mean anything after all. But if you know someone with some pull in Congress, send this on to them, because I don’t think that any of us can afford not to watch the E*Trade baby whenever we want to.

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The student-choreographed showcase features ten groups performing different genres of dance, such as hip hop, contemporary, and more.

The draw to being a part of RUSH is that students with no experience, as well as students who have been dancing their whole lives, are up on stage, dancing side-by-side. Everyone who auditioned got a part in the show.

Dordt student Miguel Lantan, who has never performed a choreographed dance, is excited to be participating in RUSH for the first time.

“I’m looking forward to performing for an audience because I’ve never done that before,” said Lantan. “It will be a new experience. It’s also nice to be able to come together with Northwestern and forget rivalry issues.”

Lantan’s dance group will be performing four hop-hop routines while Dordt student Natalie Veeken’s group will dance to a martial arts theme.

Though the time commitment of traveling back and forth to Northwestern for rehearsal almost every night is more than the students bargain for, they are thoroughly enjoying the experience and can’t wait for opening night.

“Even though it takes a lot of time, it’s been a ton of fun learning the dance, getting to know Northwesterners who really aren’t that bad after all, and looking forward to the performances,” said Dordt student Veeken. “I’ll be glad to have my nights back when it’s over, but I’ll definitely miss RUSH and dancing with my new friends.”

The RUSH performances will take place on Feb. 2-4, with one show at 7 p.m. on Thursday, two shows on Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., and three shows on Saturday at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for one dollar online at Northwestern’s box office.

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