

Prayer letter of Campus Pastor Ken Vander Wall, October 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

“How do shoes donated to homeless shelters help the victims of the Darfur genocide?” God has opened a door for campus ministry to walk through! On Sunday, April 26, I went to the National Mall in Washington, DC for a Display Of Shoes For Darfur. 40,000 pairs of shoes stretched almost as far as you could see! As I saw this display I was vividly reminded of the magnitude of suffering going on in Darfur, the western part of Sudan. It was there that God laid it on my heart to have a similar display in northern NJ! That vision is becoming a reality!! I am negotiating with the Garden State Mall in Paramus, NJ to hold a **Display Of Shoes For Darfur on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15.** (The mall is closed because Paramus has blue laws!!) The Wm. Paterson University Christian Fellowship is sponsoring the display along with Northeast Community Transformation (Classes Hudson and Hackensack) and Soles4Souls (They will distribute the shoes to homeless shelters across the nation!). Our goal is at least 20,000 pairs—1 pair for every 20 victims of the genocide. Area colleges, high schools, grade schools and churches in Mass., Pa., NJ and NY are all collecting shoes!! **On Nov. 12, we will have a display at Wm. Paterson University** of the shoes we collect on campus. It will be a great display of Jesus’ love for “the least of these”. **Please pray** for these outreaches.

So, shoes donated for this display will help to inform people of the genocide, and, will eventually help someone who needs shoes!!

God continues to pour out His blessing on the ministry at Wm. Paterson University! Last Spring the WPU Christian Fellowship was awarded the Most Outstanding Club on campus (out of 70 student organizations—including fraternities and sororities!) At our first meeting this Fall (even before classes began), we had over 60 in attendance! At the next meeting 2 students became Christians! Now we are over 100 with 12 small groups during the week for students and 3 groups for WPU faculty and employees!! At our area meeting of all the campuses in northern NJ, 38 students from WPU attended! We have a goal of at least 40 WPU students to go to The Big Event where 400 students from NY/NJ will have a retreat: Oct. 30-Nov. 1. **Please pray** for more conversions and growth in Christ.

Last Wednesday the Gideons passed out 2300 New Testaments at WPU! **Please pray** that God’s Word will fall on good soil and bear fruit in the life of the campus!

PRAYER REQUEST: My employer, Mid-Atlantic Ministries of the Christian Reformed Churches, in the Northeast is experiencing a **serious financial shortfall.** **Please** consider a special gift/offering to campus ministry as I now must raise \$20,000.

With you in Service to the KING,
Pastor Ken