



Cole Connection

Campus Crusade for Christ — Global Prayer Movement

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A New Sheriff (Chief) in Town

My director and I met with CCC staffer Fred about a community college ministry this past Fall. With the quick turnover in students, community colleges are always a challenge to maintain strong ministries and Fred felt if anything was to change at Valencia Community College, it had to start with prayer. The spiritual vibrancy at VCC has lifted this year. By God's working, student leaders started emphasizing brokenness, holiness and the need for prayer. And they got excited as they lead another student to Christ last semester.

This semester they faced the re-occurring challenge of nearly half the student leaders moving on to jobs or 4 year schools. They continue an emphasis on prayer for their ministry and God has been working. Fred and the faculty advisor both felt led to invite the new Orlando Police Chief—a professing Christian—to speak on leadership and her faith for a campus outreach. It was a bold request and would she even have the time? Fred shared this about the outreach:



Orlando Police Chief, Val Demings, our students & CCC staff Fred Robbins at the Valencia Community College outreach.

You can pray

- *Ministry at VCC keeps growing in dependence on God, students and faculty to come to Christ.*
- *Connections with all our national leaders in our Oceania region this month to encourage their depending on Christ.*
- *More opportunities to encourage UCF leaders as students seem to have lost interest in seeking God in prayer.*
- *Strength in the spiritual attack that often comes when we have to make an emphasis to find more prayer and financial ministry partners.*

"We had about 85 people (students and faculty) come to our CCC meeting, which was up from our normal 10 students. Some of the students took the initiative to invite some friends. The school also let us send an email to every student... and do lots of publicity around campus... Chief Demings did a great job of connecting with the students, and told us to "invite her back". I believe that lots of seeds were planted... and although there was some spiritual battle, I think our prayers eliminated most of it. This was the largest attended "Christian" event we have had since I've been there.

"There is a monthly faculty bible study that has started and the next meeting is in a few weeks. Prayer is the topic."

I think of the saying "When man works, man works. But when man prays, God works." It can be a real challenge for us, even in ministry. But when our staff and students grow in dependence on God He is invariably gets honored in the events and lives changed. Thank you for being a part of this work with us to see students and faculty meeting and growing in Christ at VCC .

Steve & Jess

The Family Note: Caleb is growing 1lb a week, almost cooing, and smiles often. Ethan loves his brother, but is still getting used to less individual attention, as is to be expected. The answer to "are we getting sleep yet?" *Definitely.* Just not as much as we used to.