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AT **EMORY UNIVERSITY**

Chicago Urban Program (CUP) Spring Break Mission Report

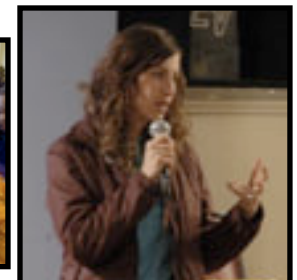


CUP team from Emory (2 not pictured)
we joined 30 students and 3 staff from other schools

Between now and the end of school, please pray for a campus outreach on April 16, new leaders for next year, graduating seniors, InterVarsity chapter camp (May 9-14), and that staff and students would finish the semester in a way that honors the Lord.

I can't even begin to explain how much God has taught me this week and the ways in which I see Him working among the Emory students who attended. I really began to learn about God's heart for justice and the call that He places upon our hearts to fight the inequities in this world. . . thank you. Your contribution has blessed our group and will bless our campus and community for years.

- Allison Archer,
CUP participant,
Emory class of 2009



The Chicago Urban Program was a life-transforming experience for each of the 10 Emory students who participated. Living, learning, and serving in the Austin neighborhood on Chicago's westside for 6 days gave us an **encounter with social and racial injustice and God's call on us to FIGHT for JUSTICE**. As the Lord makes clear in Isaiah 58, we are "to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free. . ." (v. 6), and "all this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:16-21). We were challenged that to be agents of justice, healing, and reconciliation we must ourselves first be healed, so we **celebrated our ethnic identities and GOD'S MULTI-ETHNIC KINGDOM**. Our eyes were opened to systemic injustice, yet we were not left to hopelessness. Rather, **We learned from brothers and sisters fighting injustice in Chicago through RELOCATION, REDISTRIBUTION, AND RECONCILIATION** and this for over 30 years via Circle Urban Ministries and The Rock Church. Our prayer is that these students bring the lessons learned from CUP back to campus and that they integrate them into their lives as followers of Jesus, making decisions about where they live, work, and worship for the sake of **God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven**. Thank you for sharing in this vision with us.