BCM: Ministering to Their Schools’ Communities

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) students are making an impact both on their own campuses and also on the communities in which their colleges reside. These college students are learning how to respond to the unique needs of those around them by becoming aware of their surroundings and the situations of the people who live there. Take a look at some of the diverse ways in which these students are being the presence of Christ to their communities:

- **At Virginia Commonwealth University**, BCM students host the VCU Food Pantry each Wednesday. It is a multi-faceted collaboration between faith communities, student organizations, and university offices which was formed to address food insecurity by providing in-need VCU students with healthy, emergency food.

- **Longwood University’s BCM** hosted two Operation Inasmuch days, one each semester. They partnered with other Christian organizations to do acts of kindness and share the love of Jesus by cleaning tables in the dining hall, writing encouraging notes to faculty members, making treat bags for school workers, raking leaves, washing cars, posting inspirational signs, and doing many other helpful tasks. They plan to make this a new tradition by doing the event every semester.

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Longwood BCM students wrote notes of encouragement to faculty and posted inspirational signs around campus.
Old Dominion University’s BCM students had an event they called “lock the building week” in order to help them focus outwardly on serving their campus and community. A big part of the week was a two-day Operation Inasmuch event, during which 27 students participated in 16 projects involving acts of kindness for people around them every day. In at least one case, a student who participated felt led to befriend a classmate who needed to talk to someone. “If our BCM building had been open, I probably would have just gone over there, but since it wasn’t, I stayed after class and was able to talk with her.”

Is there a college or university near you? You can be a part of transforming young adults’ lives by supporting Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Pray for these collegiate ministers and students as they learn, grow, and serve Christ on their campuses and in their communities.

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