

Urban Ministries

The challenge of urban ministry is staggering. How do we break through the walls of addiction, false religion, materialism and godless secular media so we can preach the gospel and build bridges of healing to our dying cities? We must give more than our sermons. It is the convicting voice of the Holy Ghost through scripture that demands a total sellout to love Jesus Christ.

To help train and prepare men and women, IBC is launching new classes in urban ministries and will be expanding opportunities of ministry inside and outside the church walls of the inner city. This year, we will be using several urban pastors across the U.S. to teach principles of urban ministry, giving valuable insight and answering questions students may have, utilizing the technology of Skype.

The challenge of urban cities is that each neighborhood has its own culture, obstacles and needs. In the classroom, students are learning the principles and the necessity of prayer to gain direction for neighborhood ministry. Each year, we couple with student teams to help establish prayer points in the city where people can come just for prayer. This provides valuable experiences in learning the needs of urban life.

Urban ministry classes on cross culture communication of the gospel will focus on how to keep biblically sound doctrine while using methods which adapt to the different cultures. Cultural differences within one city can become like walls that separate us from the people we are trying to reach. Outside the classroom, students are challenged to sharpen their people skills in building trust with those of unfamiliar cultures. This is necessary to reach large cities or small towns.

During Spring Break, IBC coordinates groups of students to take missions trips to different areas of the country. Last school year we partnered with Pastor Mark Brown in Watertown, SD; Pastor Dave Brown in Rock Island, IL; and Bishop

Jerry and Pastor Martin Eastridge in Tohatchi, NM. Students led prayer walks, outreach teams, taught Bible studies and held great revival services. These trips are life-changing opportunities to be exposed to the great task of reaching a lost world.

IBC students were also used this year to help in facilitating incarceration ministries teaching Bible studies, leading worship teams and much more. Through their work in the prisons, jails and detention centers, more than 100 people were baptized in Jesus' name.

Whether in the church pulpit or on the inner city streets giving Bible studies to the homeless, gangs or addicts, we believe it is important to connect with passion and win souls to Jesus one-by-one. This is our time to focus on urban areas, where the culturally diverse masses live.

Our Students



Sean Filsinger, IBC Sophomore - IBC Urban Missions is important because it exposes you to the reason you chose Bible college in the first place: to be a light to this world. When we arrived in Tohatchi, NM we didn't have a clue what to expect. You could feel the depression in the area and see the great spiritual need. The suicide rate on the reservation is very high. Bro. Martin Eastridge shared his vision with us, and we went to the different villages and prayed that God would send revival. It was a life-changing experience -- meeting new people, doing outreach and watching them feel the spirit of God for the first time. It was my first opportunity to preach a youth rally. I learned so much, and I am headed back there this summer to help with their Sunday school outreach.

