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A NEW KIND OF PORTLAND

Shaping a culture of revelation

Portland, Oregon, is said to be one of the most unchurched cities in the United States. But for Tom and Dixie Montano, that just means an opportunity for adventure and transformation. As the director-and-administrator team of Charis Bible College Portland, the Montanos are shaping a culture of revelation and change in the Pacific Northwest. There, students can become influencers of their world, right inside their city.

Tom has a big heart for his students because he knows all about the quest for answers and truth. Practicing eastern

religions and never fitting into a Catholic mold, he found the truth of the Gospel at the age of fifty. From there, Andrew's teachings helped shape his thoughts and beliefs into those of a world-changer, on fire for sharing hope with others.

When Tom and his wife felt called to start a Charis campus in Oregon, they got in touch with a pastor there who had been praying for Charis directors to come to town for two and a half years! God had already been preparing the way for them. There was no stopping the Montano team.

The fruit from this local

Charis campus has been well worth the wait. The campus doors opened in the fall of 2017, and twenty-one students finished strong that first year. Tom shares his students' experience so far: "Their attitudes were focused, and they were understanding that their hunger was being satisfied by sitting there in those classes and listening to those teachers, and then discussing them afterwards. They started to realize that they had made the right decision, that they knew that God had called them to be there."

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This group has become a force. Tom explains, “Some of the students were boldly talking to their co-workers and getting them born again and getting them starting Bible studies.”

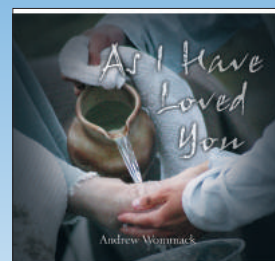
A student shared her first-year experience with Tom and Dixie, stating, “I have grown so much and feel so rich in His love and grace. Charis has given me boldness and spiritual insights I did not have for over twenty years of previous ministry and training.” She shares how, in being asked to perform a marriage ceremony for two unbelievers, she was able to counsel them and lead them both to the Lord right before their wedding! The couple plans to attend the new Discipleship Evangelism study she has started. Sitting under the Word has not only affected the students personally, but they have been set ablaze with passion to reach others!

Tom describes the student body’s enthusiasm as awe-inspiring: “For them to work full time and show up in Portland, Oregon, through the traffic and walk in and start praising and worshipping . . . that was their life. And I’m just in awe of these people.” The students have also benefited from the Charis Hybrid program. Hybrid students will come to school two nights a week or two Saturdays a month to

get the full classroom experience and a chance to fellowship with each other without missing a beat.

Charis Portland has been touching the state of Oregon one student at a time through the life-changing Word of God. And it’s only the beginning, thanks to you, our partners!

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