

Zac Barnes, UM Senior in Musical Theater

My name is Zachary Barnes and I am a fifth year senior at the University of Michigan. I'll be graduating in May with a BFA in Musical Theatre and a BM in Voice Performance. I joined H2O last fall and I can honestly say that this past year has been the most transformative year of my life. I've been seeking God for a while now (and He has been *pursuing* me for a while now), but it's really in this last year that I've fully surrendered to Him and that He's begun to change my life.



For a long time, I've struggled with issues of sexual purity and personal insecurities that have caused me a tremendous amount of grief. And while I had a vision for the life I wanted (a life free from sin), I kept falling short in my efforts to root out sin in my life. During this past year, I attended my first Christian Conference ever (SALT), where I learned a great deal about God and the power of the Holy Spirit, and I was actually baptized in the Spirit on January 1. I was subsequently water baptized in late March by Pastor Nino. Since then, my Spiritual life has grown exponentially. God has rooted out some of the deepest areas of sin in my life and I am experiencing the freedom I've always wanted. I am spending more time in the Word and a great deal of time with other Christians, talking about our Father and building each other up in Christ. This school year, I started a Fusion cell specifically for the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, which has been a tremendous blessing, and which God is using to reach artists at the university. I am also on H2O's Worship team.

Thanks to Nino and Tammy and their ministry here at the University of Michigan, I have gone to a whole new level in my Spiritual journey. I have come to know Christ on a much deeper level and have begun to put him at the center of everything I do. I am excited to see what Christ has in store for me as I learn to live solely by His Spirit.

The Guarisco's Report



On the Home Front

The Guarisco tribe is doing well, and our four children are really beginning to grow spiritually, academically and socially. Emma is now 11 years old and attending 5th grade. Jonathan and Alyson are both 9 years old, and attending 3rd grade. Little Matthew (who's actually going to be our biggest kid), also known as Cubby Cooter, just turned 4 on November 14, and is attending pre school.



Emma's favorite pastime is shopping at Limited Too, and reading books. She's our fashion queen, and basically tries on 4 outfits every morning before school. The dress code at their school is really crimping her style. Jonathan enjoys playing travel soccer and reading. He was dubbed "Mr. Hustle" by coach. He'd take a shot on goal, only to be seen 10 seconds later stopping the opposition from scoring on the other end of the field. Alyson is our resident gamer, and she's mastered just about every Nintendo DS game in the world. Plus, she's conquered the Wii, just for good measure. Cubby Cooter loves tools and power rangers, and you'll frequently see him taking apart every remote control in the home, just to make sure the batteries still work.

Tammy and I want to thank each of you for your faithful prayers and financial investment in our ministry vision for UM. Jesus Christ is doing a great work in the lives of students like Zac Barnes, and you share in this fruit. Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

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