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THE GUARISCO'S REPORT

Testimony from James Anderson, 2nd Year Student



Hey, my name is James Anderson. I graduated from Walled Lake Central High School in 2003 and am currently a sophomore at The University of Michigan. During the summer before my second year I was contacted by Pastor Nino Guarisco, and ended up attending the first service of fall semester. Nino took me under his wing and walked me through the Bible with an eight week Bible study called the Journey. Through this, I was given a great introduction to the Scriptures, and learned what it means to be a Christian and how to live by the values that a Christian has.

While going through this I was also attending the Sunday service and gaining good friendships with other Christians. After having the luxury of going on a snowboarding trip with H20 I was able to bond even further with all of the members in H20. I then began attending our weekly Fusion (our student cell group) sessions in which we meet in small groups and speak of issues that directly relate to our lives today, and what the Bible has to say about these issues. My prayers were answered within one of these sessions, and I felt a real connection with what the Lord was speaking to me, and the problems I was facing during that same week.

I have been growing more and more in understanding the virtues of a Christian and enjoying every bit of it. I hope to continue my search for the Lord, as it will help me to become an even better person than am I today.

## On the Homefront

"How old is he? 6 – 9 months?" We hear this on a regular basis, as people on the street stop to admire the most handsome, and chubby 4 month old baby in the world. Little Matthew is not so little anymore, and he's already passed the 18 pound mark, more than doubling his birth weight in 3 ½ months. Mom's milk seems to be doing the trick!

He's such a precious little guy, and has a very "easy going" temperament, which is

good considering that he has 2 very intense older siblings. Speaking of the siblings... Having a baby in the house has brought out some deep, maternal longings within Emma. You'll frequently see her holding, changing, kissing and nurturing one of her baby dolls. Even better yet, she is now changing Matthew's diapers. When Mom and Dad see this, there's only one thing to say, "Thank you Jesus"!

Jonathan has not been brave enough to change a diaper, but his love for new baby brother is evident. He constantly kisses, picks up and plays with Matthew. Jonathan is a very nurturing little guy, and has a great love for family. This was evidenced yesterday when Dad was helping out at Jonathan's pre school. One of Jonathan's classmates was wrestling and punching Nino on the playground. Of course, this was all a game, but Jonathan failed to realize that one small, yet important fact. Therefore he came up to his classmate, pulled him from Dad, and not so politely threw him to the ground. It's noble to protect one's family, but we'll have to work on proper etiquette a bit more with Johnny!

# March Highlights

- Our second annual H2O Ski Trip was hugely successful. We had 3 students who are spiritual seekers attend the retreat with us, and their lives were deeply touched by God. Our community was deepened, and we are still seeing fruit from this life changing weekend.
- 3 of our students are now taking their friends through The Journey (our 8 week evangelistic Bible study) It's exciting to see our disciples growing as leaders, and reaching others for Christ.
- March Outreach March 19 25 We'll be hosting 25 students from the U of Illinois, and Wright State U. They're coming to UM to share Jesus Christ with our 30,000+ non Christian students on campus. Please pray that many souls will be saved!
- Sex and Dating Mp3's are now available for FREE download. These are a tremendous resource for high school and college students. Go to our web site for more info.

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