



The Guarisco's Report

Testimony from Brandon Mancini, University of Michigan Sophomore

"My name is Brandon Mancini and I am a sophomore Pre-Med student at the University of Michigan. I've lived in Michigan all my life and I currently reside in Canton. I have aspired to be a doctor as far back as I can remember, so after college I would like to attend medical school as I continue to follow this goal.

My family and I have been a family who has believed in God and Jesus Christ, and as a child I attended Sunday School regularly. We attended a Methodist church, but as the years progressed that attendance dropped to only a few times a year.

The Journey study (*our chi alpha evangelistic Bible Study*) that I went through over the summer was a great experience that brought me to meet Christ. I really wasn't familiar with the Bible or the story of Jesus Christ and this study allowed me to become a true Christian.

God is working wonders in my life right now. When I awake each morning I am thankful for all that He has given me. The new friends I have met in H2O and just going through each day in life with Him by my side means the world to me.

This year I hope to continue growing through Christ. I am going to continue my new journey through the Bible, go to church regularly, and become baptized as I pursue becoming an even better Christian. This process never ends, and I hope to continue to learn and grow with every day that passes.

There is only one thing left to say. GO BLUE!"



On the Homefront

Our family has survived our craziest month of the year; September! The kids are doing well, and both began school this month.



Emma is now in first grade, and progressing well. Going from kindergarten to first grade has been a big step for little Emma, and she comes home from school quite tired each day. She is doing great in school, and now reads some books on her own. However I must say, her favorite part of school is lunch. Do you remember any cafeteria stories from your youth?

Jonathan is in preschool 3 days a week and seems to like it very much. He has a new buddy in the neighborhood named Matthew, and they are both in the same preschool class. Jonathan's latest skill is polishing apples before he eats them. Miss Annie, his teacher, taught the class how to "make your apples shine like gold" by rubbing them. Well, Jonathan now thinks he's the expert in the family at apple polishing!

As exciting as school is, it has been overshadowed by the approaching birth of our third baby. Tammy's due date is November 17th, and she is counting the days! Her pregnancy has gone great so far, and most people who see Tammy say she looks great. I have to agree! She is definitely the most beautiful pregnant lady around. The nursery is all ready for the little guy, decorated in a baseball theme, thanks to mom.

Tammy and I want to thank you for your financial and prayerful investment in our vision to make disciples at the University of Michigan. You're on a great team, and we couldn't do it without you. UM will be saved!!!



September Highlights

- Students have caught the vision and launched our first cell group on campus
- Our weekly meeting attendance has went up by approximately 250% from year one
- Two students who recently gave their life to Christ will be baptized next month
- Free Food Sunday, our evangelistic outreach to unchurched students, drew over 100 people in September
- Two new students have already begun to go through The Journey (evangelistic bible study)
- Keep those prayers coming!!!



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