

## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Family & Friends,

It has been quite a ride this last year! God used and grew our team in tremendous ways. We were blessed with amazing students that sought after God with a passion and desire like I've never seen before. It was an honor watching them grow in Christ and to see them being used by God.

One of the many things that I enjoyed this past year was traveling. I loved being with the students on the road and being a witness to what God is doing in other churches and ministries. God is doing mighty things in this generation and using young people to reach the lost.

In this newsletter, we wanted to give you an overview of what our students did this year and what they will be doing in the future. I hope that it gives you a glimpse at what we experienced this year!

We have begun planning and preparing for the next year of Master's Commission. We are excited about the team that God has begun to build. We have students from all over the country with different backgrounds, talents and gifts. We believe that God is going to continue to do even more amazing things through us in the upcoming year.

Thank you for all of your prayer and support. We want to bathe every detail of this ministry in prayer. May God be glorified in everything that we are doing!

In His Service,

Pastor Mike Atkins

*Director*

*Ground Zero Master's Commission*

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# GROUND ZERO MASTER'S COMMISSION

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to know Him & make Him known

# MEET THE CLASS OF 2006



**Lindsey Lacombe**

Age: 18 Hometown: Fitchburg, MA  
 Summer Plans: Reading, spending time with family  
 This Fall: Majoring in English at Fitchburg College

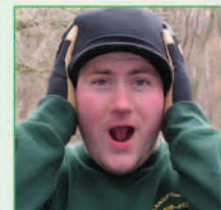
**Daniel Henderson**

Age: 19 Hometown: Kansas by way of Alaska  
 Summer Plans: Working  
 This Fall: Second year of MC



**Ben Dieterly**

Age: 20 Hometown: Providence, RI  
 Summer Plans: Staying in PA, working  
 This Fall: Second year of MC



**Kimi Clark**

Age: 19 Hometown: North Cape May, NJ  
 Summer Plans: Working, beach, dancing  
 Next Fall: Working at Holy Grounds Dance Ministry



**Danny Kauten**

Age: 20 Hometown: Chicago, IL  
 Summer Plans: Getting a job, family, friends  
 This Fall: Working, spending more time with family



**Mike Luis**

Age: 21 Hometown: West Grove, PA  
 Summer Plans: Interning with the GZ Youth Ministry  
 This Fall: Second year of MC



**Rob Cochran**

Age: 21 Hometown: Landenberg, PA  
 Summer Plans: Interning with the GZ Youth Ministry  
 This Fall: Second year of MC



**Josh Mericle**

Age: 20 Hometown: West Grove, PA  
 Summer Plans: Intern at Bethel Assembly of God  
 This Fall: Second year of MC



**Melynda Haynes**

Age: 23 Hometown: Ephrata, PA  
 Summer Plans: Working, leading Bible studies  
 This Fall: Second year of MC



## 2005/2006 in review

10,000 miles traveled  
 52 locations visited  
 20,000 people ministered to  
 14 states visited  
 1,200 gallons of gas  
 350 hours in a van

This year has been quite a ride. God has moved in mighty ways, within us as a family, and used us to do great things for His kingdom. God opened more doors and allowed us to reach more people than we ever thought possible. Over 52 churches, conferences, and ministries opened their doors and allowed us to spread the Word of God. Over 20,000 people heard about Jesus Christ. We traveled over 10,000 miles spanning 14 states. Wow! What a ride it has been! In addition to traveling, our students spent endless hours in academics. Students this year earned 36 college credits. They studied courses such as Cults and World Religions, New and Old Testament History, the Book of Nehemiah, and several others. Daniel Henderson and Danny Kauten were able to transfer college credits they had earned at previous colleges. This year, they graduated with their Associate Degree in Biblical Studies. When we weren't ministering on the road, students were involved in our local community. Every week they helped out at our three Ground Zero youth services. Three times this year they helped out with Project R.A.K.E., our free home repair ministry for low income families. In the Fall, every week students visited either Urban Promise Children's Ministry or the Light House Youth Center to minister with inner city kids. Every Monday night, MC students led small groups with students in our youth ministry. Weekends were spent ministering at La Iglesia, a local Spanish church, Sunday Breakfast Mission, and the Emmanuel Dining Room. Spring was spent in extensive traveling and ministering. In March, our students traveled to Mexico. While there, they partnered with a local church to do outreaches at local parks and schools, fix up local homes, and help out in the community. What a year it has been! We can't wait to see what God has in store for us this Fall!



## Testimonies

"There are ministries that come and talk about pursuing Jesus and then there are ministries that model what it means to pursue Jesus. GZMC would fall into the latter category. I have seen very few ministry teams that would be able to rival GZMC in their passion for God, dedication to authentic relationships with students, and in their desire for excellence in all they do."  
 - Pastor Jake Marshall, Leominster Assembly of God



"As soon as you meet these MC students it is clear; they are truly a cut above, called by God, and thriving in their obedience to God. They are truly some of the most amazing young people I have come across in a long time."  
 - Susan Goodenough, White Clay Presbyterian



"You could tell the Ground Zero Master's Commission were passionate about Jesus Christ. Everything they did glorified Him in every way. Our church was blown away by what God did through GZMC. Everyone felt the Holy Spirit that night through GZMC and everyone walked away with an experience that night they will never forget."  
 - Pastor Aaron Monroe, Promise Land Praise & Worship Center



A special thank you to all the churches, conferences, and events that allowed us to minister with them this year! May God continue to bless your ministries!

## Ways You Can Help

**Pray!**  
 The most powerful way you can support GZMC is through prayer. Everything we do has one purpose: to bring glory to God. We want to bathe every detail, start to finish, in prayer. GZMC is starting a prayer list with requests and updates from the team. If you are interested in joining, please call or email the GZMC office.

**Financially.**  
 Master's is supported through the tuition of our students, as well as, love offerings, and financial gifts from our supporters. It is through these generous gifts and donations that we are able to continue to reach people with the message of Christ.

**Sponsorship.**  
 Many times the reason a student doesn't apply to a Master's program is because they fear they will be unable to raise the tuition. We never want money to keep a student from coming! Supporters can sponsor a student's tuition (\$500-\$4,700), mission trip (\$750), or youth rally tour (\$250).

**Be a Home Opener.**  
 If you live in the New London/Kirkwood area, another way you can help is by opening up your home to a student for 9 months. Many of our students come from all over the country, and their home opener is the only family they have while they are here. Many home openers have said that the MC experience is just as rewarding for them as it is for the student.

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