



GEN Z: SEARCHING FOR HOPE

In our last edition, I highlighted a growing trend some of my campus ministry colleagues and I are seeing: an increased openness and interest in Christianity among those we're trying to reach (also reported by media outlets like CTV and other national ministry leaders). The stories are encouraging, but the question foremost in my own mind has to do with *why / what's driving this?* Well, here's some of what I've learned through my own conversations with newcomers this fall.

At our kick-off week this past September, I met a first-year student who seemed genuinely glad to have discovered our community. He shared with me that he had recently taken some intentional steps toward Christianity, totally of his own volition. "**So... why faith?**" I asked. "**The world's gone crazy!**" he said, describing the feeling of living in a society that seems to be spinning out of control, lost and confused. ("And this is part of the problem..." he added, pointing to his cell phone, apparently aware of its power to addict and mislead.)

To quote another minister from a church in downtown Toronto also experiencing some rapid growth among this demographic: "I think COVID-19 gave people a lot of time for introspection, and I think Gen Z is looking around, and they are realizing how anxious, lonely, isolated and fearful they are about the future, and that **secularism, its promises of progress and freedom, simply have not delivered.**"

Indeed. But here's what does deliver: the good news that God exists and has sent his Son to make himself known — the one who claimed to be "the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). **In a culture marked by relativism, self-definition and rampant purposelessness, Jesus' claims burn like a torch in the night.** Students seem hungrier than ever for direction, truth, and real hope. Pray for us as we do our utmost to point them toward the only one who can satisfy the soul.



Welcoming students, answering questions, distributing Bibles... please [click here](#) and sign up to get access to videos like this!

THE POWER OF TESTIMONY



A highlight of the semester was our last "*Together!*" service, an event aimed at bringing our separate Embassy communities all together for a special night of worship, fellowship and teaching. Instead of booking a special speaker or apologist this time, the night featured personal testimonies from a couple of our very own leaders.

Lucy and Jack spoke with incredible authenticity, humility, and conviction (I was so, so proud of them!). I'm aware that for students in our community, hearing their peers recount what difference Jesus has made in their lives carries a special kind of weight. I'm already looking forward to the next time we do this!



HOW THEY FIND US



Posters, giveaways, club fairs, social media—we're always trying our best to get the word out, but here's what else helps students find their way into our community. For the last number of years, The Embassy has appeared first on the school's own online clubs listing. This is a big deal for us, as students often reference this page when trying to find a group of people with a shared interest. Although we're really not sure why we're positioned at the top, we're thankful for the visibility boost by the powers-that-be!

HEAR IT FROM THEM

Below is some gracious feedback we received from our students through our last community survey. Since your prayers and generosity undergird everything we do, **we hope their gratitude will encourage you also!**



"Loved the community and growing in my faith with The Embassy over these past years. I am forever grateful to the people that run it... they really care about the gospel as well as the community!"

"Honestly, it's a blessing for me to discover this community. I feel like God directly brings me here and I genuinely am grateful."

"Embassy is a fantastic place, with the most authentic and genuine people... fantastic scripture-based teaching... very grateful."

"Great to have a church on campus... it helps to know that there are other Christians in the school that I can connect with."

"I absolutely love it. It's such a blessing."



Here are a couple of items we're actively praying about. **Would you join us?**

(For privacy/security reasons, please [sign up here](#) to receive prayer requests and other special content directly to your inbox. Thank you!)



FINANCIAL UPDATE: A SOLID FINISH

Great news—we expect to finish 2025 with the ministry budget in good standing! Because this hasn't always been the case after a full semester of ministry, we're so thankful to move into 2026 feeling less fundraising-related pressure. To those who prayed for us and/or supported the ministry financially this year: *thank you, so much.*

Of course, because supporters can come and go, we'd welcome your help to secure the ministry for the long term. Interested? Just click the button below!

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Merry Christmas!

May the hope, peace, joy and love of Emmanuel be felt by you, your home, and your neighbours this Christmas.

God bless you!