

Presenting

## Tim & Karen Stewart

Campus Ambassadors Minister



## **Ministry Focus**

"God used my college experience to change me more than in any other period of my life. I'm a radically different person from who I was at the beginning of my freshman year. God put it on my heart to see that other college students have the chance I had to discover what the Lord wants for them. Many college students these days have never even set foot in a church, let alone know what Christ did for them and how He loves them."

Tim meets with students one-on-one to help them develop a relationship with Jesus. For this reason, the Stewarts moved to Buffalo to engage college students with the exciting realities of following Jesus.

Having ministered at the University at Buffalo since 2006, God has awoken a passion in Tim not only for college students but also for campus ministers. "I work with some of the most amazing people. I absolutely love the people God has called to minister to college students and I want to do all that I can to help them thrive in their ministries. When I'm successful at this, I feel as though I'm spreading the Gospel on many campuses."

Tim has taken on the additional role of being the Eastern Regional Ministry Partner Development (MPD) Specialist. He works alongside ministers, training, coaching, and counseling them as they step out in faith in their journey of support raising. "Support raising is a crucible that God uses to refine potential campus ministers. It forces them to 'practice what they preach' and step out in faith and trust that God himself is going to provide for all that they need to accomplish what he has called them to. I love walking alongside these ministers as they go through this journey and I love seeing how God transforms them along the

## **Faith Story**

Tim grew up going to church every Sunday but never really enjoying it. He did, however, enjoy youth ministry and got involved with a local program run by Youth for Christ (YFC).

It was on a week-long YFC bike trip that Tim finally understood what Christ did for him, and he received Jesus as his Savior.

After that Tim began to enjoy church and grew in his walk with Christ throughout high school. Upon entering college at Oneonta State, he connected with Campus Ambassadors immediately and got involved in sharing his faith with others.

Tim took a job as a police dispatcher to cover his everyday expenses. This, however, kept him from being able to meet with students on weekends (when they were free) and from being able to attend church on Sundays. Tim felt the Lord leading him to leave his job and become an intern with Campus Ambassadors.

He started his internship at the beginning of his junior year of college and has since been appointed a fulltime campus minister, planting a new campus ministry at the University at Buffalo.

## **Family & Education**

Campus Ambassadors is also where Tim's friendship with Karen Deemer, his campus minister's daughter, grew. Toward the end of college, Tim proposed to Karen and they were married in July 2004. They have two sons: Joshua and Mitchell.