

## Spring's a coming!

A group of cold, joyful ACF'ers enjoying a weekend of fellowship at the ACF Winter Retreat. It's been nearly three weeks since the retreat, and the weather here in Pittsburgh has already begun to warm up. Be sure to check out all the exciting events (like Jesus Week!) ACF will be holding on the last page of the newsletter.



## How Was Your Week?

BY MOUSUMI SIRCAR

You're optimistic. "It was great!" You're pessimistic. "It was really busy, I'm kinda tired..." The truth: you don't need to be asked at all.

Let's put aside optimism and pessimism and look at truth versus delusion. The world's delusion: The week can go well or not well. The truth which is the Word: "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation" Philippians 4:12

Once He's the most critical part of our lives, how our week goes depends on Him, not on what happens. Which is good, because: "I the LORD do not change" Malachi 3:6 and, "His love endures forever" Ps 135:1

Okay, so maybe we're not continually euphoric over our salvation. But we can have temporary glee over God's real grace in ACF. What's really going on?

People meeting physical needs of unbelievers. Cell groups caring for one another because they love. Leaders putting their personal relationships with God above their ministry and their lives. Volunteer outreach and creative witnessing through play. The sick being tended to, and fed. Mature Christians taking new ones under their wings. Brothers and sisters making big sacrifices for one another. Powerful worship. Freshman in service. Newcomers being embraced. People meeting to pray because they love, especially for unbelievers.

A family. Sheep seeking His word for the first time in years. This is reality, God's answers to our prayers. Want to see the data? Look around at the real God. "The earth trembles at His presence." Nahum 1:5 What did God do in your life this week? When we evaluate by the grace standard, even if we do this in a vat of slime, "my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices." Ps 16:9

Blessed is the man  
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked  
or stand in the way of sinners  
or sit in the seat of mockers.  
But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season and  
whose leaf does not wither.  
Whatever he does prospers.

**Psalm 1:1-3**



What was your name again? Some ACFers proudly display their spur note envelopes from retreat.

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# Eclipse of Darwinism

BY RICHARD CHEN

It's 8:53 P.M. on a Sunday evening as I laze in front of the TV, channel surfing onto CBS's *Touched By An Angel*:

(Father plops down daughter's high school paper entitled "Scientific Evidence for Intelligent Design" on countertop after reading it)  
Father: (sighs in overt disappointment)  
Daughter: How do you know God doesn't exist?  
Father (looking at his daughter, flustered): I just ... I just know.

Funny how that appeared on TV just before I started writing.

I won't repeat Dr. Michael Behe's speech Wed 2/7/2001 since I could do no justice to Dr. Behe's fluency of persuasion and mastery of explaining convoluted concepts. Though he presented enough topics to motivate dozens of thesis topics and papers, I was most intrigued with the argument against Darwinism utilizing the concept of macroevolution.

My most glaring example of the difference between macroevolution and overall "evolution" is how primates (lacking complex high-level emotions with intensive decision-making, cognition and mental processing) evolved into humans (with all the above).

Behe does not dismiss Darwin altogether. He, instead, uses macroevolution and irreducible complexity to bring debate to whether Darwinism is universally withstanding for all the phases development between 2 given species.

Did God produce each species independently and individually or a basic set from which all others developed? How could incremental slight natural mutations account for the enormous leap between some species, especially primates to humans? Can there be evolution "above the species level?"

## Relevant Links:

1. [www.talkorigins.org/faqs/macroevolution.html](http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/macroevolution.html)
2. [www.lehigh.edu/~inbrw/spring98/980306/news4.htm](http://www.lehigh.edu/~inbrw/spring98/980306/news4.htm) - an article on a similar speech.
3. [www2.lehigh.edu/page.asp?page=expertsindexabc](http://www2.lehigh.edu/page.asp?page=expertsindexabc) - Dr. Behe faculty description.
4. [udel.edu/~mcdonald/mousetrap.html](http://udel.edu/~mcdonald/mousetrap.html)
5. [www.talkorigins.org/faqs/behe/review.html](http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/behe/review.html) rebuttals against Behe
6. [www.dtl.org](http://www.dtl.org)  
Darkness to Light: Explaining and Defending the Christian Faith

# "...such a nice car..."

BY MARKUS ADHIWIYOGO

It's funny how God can use the very little things that we do to glorify Himself. I've been blessed countless times by His goodness, and really enjoy His goodness. I hope the story that I'm about to tell you will encourage you in your walk with Christ.

About two weeks ago, on a sunny California day, I needed to go to a supermarket to run some errands. After getting out of my car, a middle aged lady started a conversation with me.

"Awww," she said. "You shouldn't park your car there."

Surprised, I replied, "ummm, ok, why is that ma'am?"

"It's such a nice car, someone might dent your car,"

"Oh. I try not to worry about my car so much."

She then said, "Well, it's such a nice car, I'm sure you worked hard for it."

"True," I said. "I worked hard for it. But I don't worry about it so much. I try to think of it as a blessing, and I think the whole point of a blessing is to enjoy it. Anyways, it's just a car. Someday it will turn back into dust. For the moment, I'm not going to worry about it, and just enjoy it."

She paused for a moment. Then she said, "Are you religious?"

"Well...I tried to be a good Christian. It's not easy though."

"Oh that's encouraging to hear." she replied.

We spoke for a couple of minutes, about church and stuff. Turns out she goes to church occasionally. After awhile, she needed to go, and I needed to run my errands.

When I think back about that event, I see how God can use each one of us to glorify His name, provided that you ask Him. I recall a long time ago, I asked God to use my car to glorify His name. Even after some sad events He is still able to use it to glorify His name. It also reminds me what a great joy it is to be able to share about Him and His greatness to others, and how simple little things, like showing care to others, can really make someone's day.

I'm sure this is not the last time I will experience this. I'm looking forward to another day when I can experience something like this. Take care, and I hope to see you all in California.

# 'Losing Daylight' Makes Debut Appearance On Indie CCM Scene

BY TIMOTHY CHEN

Last Wednesday, the Pasadena, California-based Christian band Losing Daylight released their first album, a limited released self-titled collection of nine original songs. News of the release had been floating around for several months, and the band has even created a teaser-style website where samples of several songs could be previewed. I had the pleasure of listening through the finished album this week and was pleasantly surprised at the fresh sound that flowed from my headphones while I worked through my usual late nights (a usually much less-anticipated ritual perpetuated by constant snack breaks and listening to the roommate rant about Canada and hockey in his sleep).

Yeah anyway, back to the music. In my opinion, Losing Daylight's style is reminiscent of bands like Jars of Clay, and the lyrics remind me of Church of Rhythm - they're easy to listen to and have great rhythm, but they aren't always totally understandable. Since this is their first effort, some might find their sound to be a little underdeveloped, however, the instrumental talent these guys have been blessed with clearly indicates that this band has huge potential. The guitar intro on 'Looking To That Day' is just incredible!

Losing Daylight also brings that distinctive mellow California sound (the kind of mellow that makes you think of Leon in pajamas 24/7 or Cliffy running around, being himself) Bottom line is, I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a new sound in Christian music, and also for those who just need to get 'Count Your Blessings 1-7' out of their head :c)

Like what you hear? Wanna buy the CD to support LD? Contact Clifton Lin ([cliftonl@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:cliftonl@andrew.cmu.edu)) or Tim Chen ([tchen01@cmu.edu](mailto:tchen01@cmu.edu)) for more information. The band hasn't been signed to a major label yet, and this is a limited release, so act fast if you wanna get your grubby little claws on this great album!



Losing Daylight Members: Mervin Lei, Theo Chou, Kelvin Li, Samuel Beumier and Claudio Oliveira.  
<http://www.losingdaylight.com>

## Poem

Wherever there are lungs, may they breath out words of praise.  
Wherever there are lips, may they hold songs of thanksgiving.  
Wherever there are hearts, may they be full of love for you.  
Wherever there are men, may you never fail to be worshiped.  
Wherever there is darkness, may your light overcome it.

Wherever there are Christians, may they spread  
your knowledge and your glory.  
Wherever there is evil, may your goodness overcome it.  
Wherever there are Christians, may they give your  
love to the poor.

Call forth all the love and adoration that you are worthy of!

## Earthquakes in El Salvador

*Reprinted from <http://www.urbana.org>*

February 2001

In January a massive earthquake shook the country of El Salvador into chaos. Buildings have collapsed, more than one thousand people have died. Multiple aftershocks have caused more death and damage.

Ruth Padilla De Borst, an Urbana 2000 speaker, presently serves IFES in Latin America, and in fact lives in San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador. Ruth, her husband and their six children are experiencing first hand the affects of the earthquakes. They have much need for prayer and relief help if people are to remain safe and healthy, if they are to ever regain a semblance of order in their lives. Below, Ruth shares some of her own experiences with us.

Dear Friends,

Weeks have gone by since that fatidic January 13th and the ground is still trembling! We've been having aftershocks of up to 5.4 on the Richter scale and people throw up their hands and beseech, "Hasta cuando?!" (How much longer do we have to endure?).

Weeks have gone by, but some people are still unable to get enough food to eat. Hundreds of houses remain in shambles. Thousands of people are packed into temporary, makeshift living quarters, exposed to the winds and the soon-to-come rains.

Even the rebuilding process is fraught with questions. Has the trembling stopped enough for building to begin? Is the land sound and strong enough in certain places to hold new construction? What happens with the debts people held on those houses shattered by the quake? Who are agencies building for when many of the most affected people didn't even own the place in which they lived? Will only the landlord benefit from the 'upgrade'? What happens with the scores of buildings that have not collapsed completely but for all objective standards should be condemned? Where do schools, hospitals, churches, offices, shops operate until something is done to make them safe again?

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And rebuilding needs to go far beyond putting up sets of four walls and a roof . . . People's lives need to be pulled together. And productive structures need to be reactivated. Jim is accompanying a local NGO (non-governmental service organization) as they plan a three-pronged rebuilding process in certain communities: 1. Houses need to be put in place before the rains come. 2. Counseling and pastoral care is aimed at helping people move ahead after the trauma (I've been asked to help out in this area). 3. Micro-enterprises and cooperative efforts need to be generated so people can make a living.

As you pray, remember the churches and the local and international agencies that are responding to such widespread need. May they make stewardly use of their resources. May they make wise decisions regarding priorities and procedures. May they grow in mutual cooperation. And remember the victims of the earthquake. Pray for food and new dreams. For houses and renewed strength. For health and hope.

From El Salvador,  
Ruth

## Jesus Week

Many of us have noticed that the weather has been improving a little these past few weeks. The sun is shining a little more, and the wind isn't as cold as it used to be. As the weather improves, many campus organizations will be taking their activities outside, hoping to increase the visibility and impact of their organizations upon their campus. ACF, IVCF, and other campus fellowships plan to make the best of springtime, and bring Jesus Christ to the campus of Carnegie Mellon University in a weeklong event called Jesus Week 2001.

Jesus Week will take place between April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> and will involve speakers, nightly worship, prayer ministry, servant evangelism, and, of course, painting the fence. The folks organizing Jesus Week are still in the planning phases, but foresee a need for a number of helpful hands from ACFers, IVCFers, and other Christians on campus.

There are a number of ways you can serve to help make Jesus Week a reality. One of the most important needs for Jesus Week is prayer. Without people praying for organizational issues and for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those serving and those being ministered to, Jesus Week will lose much of its potential. You can also help out with worship, dramas, and manning the fence. We'll need some faithful hands to staple posters across campus as well.

Jesus Week is a great opportunity to evangelize to the people we know best: our fellow students. It'll also be a great opportunity to serve with your cell group and to meet other Christians on our campus. If you're interested, please contact Vishal Radhakrishnan at [vishal@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:vishal@andrew.cmu.edu) for more information on how you can help out.

## ACF Spotlight

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**Function in ACF:** Umm... besides my all-important role of adding to the female population? I now sing on the worship team.

**Favorite Hobbies:** Doing artsy things, reading, shopping, eating, hanging out with friends, sleeping.

**Favorite Bible verse:** Ecclesiastes 2:11, 2 Timothy 1:5-6, But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ- Philippians 3:7-8. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly, I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize- 1Cor. 9: 26-27.

**Best advice you can give someone else:** Hmm... "Don't be disillusioned, if you don't meet Satan face-to-face, maybe you're just going the same way he is." either that or "I dunno! Ask someone else."

**What do you do on your spare time:** What spare time? (see hobbies)

**If you could change one thing in ACF, what would it be?:** I dunno! Ask someone else.

### Upcoming Events

#### Feb

23 Cell Night

#### March

2 Workshop Night

9 Informal Event

16 Study 3

23 Study 4

Have an event you would like to see in the ACF Newsletter? Please e-mail events (and birthdays) to [bsh+news@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:bsh+news@andrew.cmu.edu).