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Serving spiritual needs

October 01, 2009 ¦ Teresa Dunham

Vastille Edma prayed for a job when she first came to Liberty University from Haiti in 2005 — but she never could have imagined that she would spend the next four years praying on the job as an LU Prayer Room manager.

She heard about the position the first week of her freshman year, and she was a student worker and prayer warrior for Liberty until she graduated.

In May, Edma turned her tassel as a business management graduate, but before she left she wanted to encourage everyone in the LU family to take advantage of the Prayer Room, which is now located in Dorm 13.

“The Prayer Room is open to everybody. It’s a quiet room where people can come and read their Bibles and pray,” said Edma, the daughter of missionaries who ran an orphanage in Haiti. “I really like the atmosphere of the prayer room because you get to pray and spend time in the Word.”

Her role as one of several Prayer Room managers was to pray through a list of everyone at LU — from students to university employees — until every person at LU had been lifted in prayer at least once by the end of the year. Based on verses from Colossians 1:9-11, her prayers sought God’s will and wisdom for each person’s life.

When she finished praying, she emailed those she’d prayed for that day. She also brought prayer requests before God that individuals emailed to the Prayer Room.

“Sometimes they email us back and say, ‘Thank you. It was the right time to email me. I was going through something, and God sent your email my way,’” she said.

For Edma, whose mother and aunt both died in Haiti in the past year, the Prayer Room was a refuge and a place of encouragement.
“That really helped me rely on my faith,” said Edma. “I really enjoyed working there.”

Now that she has graduated, she hopes to work locally for at least a year because her younger brothers are at LU, and her sister is attending high school locally.

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