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*"I thank my God every time I think of you" - Philippians 1:3*

## What Happened this Year @ CSUSM?

[A LOT!]

- ✓ We began our first ever night time Large Group each week, consistently seeing over 20 students come. This developed a greater sense of community throughout our fellowship.
- ✓ We more than doubled the number of students that went to our retreats throughout the year. 22 students came to our Fall Retreat, and 10 came to our Spring Break Retreat. Many of these students are joining the leadership team for next year!
- ✓ We have more than doubled our student leaders for next year. We had five leaders this year and on May 16th we're taking 17 students to our Leadership Retreat for next year's ministry!
- ✓ Our influence in the community is growing. We are partnering with other groups on campus, four of the R.A.s in the dorms next year are a part of InterVarsity, and our weekly meetings continued to see new people almost every week!
- ✓ I survived!



Vanessa is going into her 2nd year and is our worship leader for next year!

## Vanessa's Testimony...

Growing as a worship leader this year in InterVarsity has helped me learn to surrender fully to God. God has been helping me see that my time is not my own, but every moment is His and His alone. Next year I know I will be continually growing and gaining more wisdom about what it means to be not only a worship leader, but also a worshipper. I am so excited to be a part of what God is doing on my campus. He is molding and softening hearts, and partnering with us, His children, to accomplish His purposes. I'm excited to lead our fellowship into more fully and abundantly experiencing the life God has for us in Him!



## Financial Update going into next year:

Thank you so much for your continued partnership and support, it is such a blessing! I want to fill you in on what is changing going into next year...

As you know I'M GETTING MARRIED! As I write this there are only 33 days left! Melanie and I want to make sure that all our supporters get a chance to hear more about the others' ministry, so on the back you'll find an introduction to what Melanie is doing with the Fraternities & Sororities at the University of San Diego.

As we join in marriage our ministry budgets will also join as one! Also, as my internship with Solana Beach Presbyterian Church comes to a close, we will be raising significantly more this year. Considering the support we will continue to get from all of you, we estimate that with our combined budget we will need to raise an additional \$40,000 of support in order to start next school year fully funded. Please keep both of us in your prayers as this school year ends and we move into a season of fundraising (and wedding!). I look forward to speaking with you personally about your continued partnership with us and InterVarsity.