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NEW STUDENT OUTREACH!

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"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" - Luke 10:2

N.S.O. OFF THE HOOK!

GROUPS INVESTIGATING GOD



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N.S.O. or "New Student Outreach" this year was amazing! The first few weeks of every school year are vital. This is when students, especially freshmen, are exploring and deciding what they are going to make of their college experience and what crowds they're going to be a part of.

We were on campus almost every day the first two weeks, we met 89 new people, both Christian and not, that were interested in getting involved! We've been following up with all of them. We had our first two Large Groups of the year and had about 60-70 people show up both weeks! (last year we averaged about 20 people at those same gatherings!) One of our student leaders came up afterwards and exclaimed, "We actually have a 'Large' Group this year!" This has been by far the best start of school that CSUSM has ever seen!

One of my favorite ways of bringing students to Jesus is through "Seeker Bible Studies" we call "GIGs" (Groups Investigating God).

I met Danny during Welcome Week and he told me that he wasn't "religious" but was looking for "fullfillment." After talking with him some more he told me that he would be interested in checking out whether Jesus was "the way" for him or not. He accepted my invitation into a GIG. I decided to take him through the story of Zacheus. Danny was able to relate to Zacheus' journey to find out "who Jesus was." I chaledged him to go on his own sort of "quest" to find out who Jesus really is, much like this rich tax collector who climbed a tree just to see Him! I invited him to pray, "Jesus, I don't know if you're really out there, but if you are please reveal yourself to me." He said he'd try it out! We'll be meeting every week and going over a new story of Jesus' life. Pray for Danny as he grows closer to Jesus every day!

"I used to try and do it all on my own, now I'd like to see if Jesus is the way for me"



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Melanie and I still need to raise about 50% of our yearly budget. Until we reach at least 70% we will be pulled off campus to do full time fundraising. We are working on finding people in San Diego who would be interested in supporting what we are doing and who are invested in college ministry. Please pray for us to continue to find people who desire to support what God is doing through our ministry. We know God is using this time to increase our dependance on Him, and preparing us for our next phase of ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support.