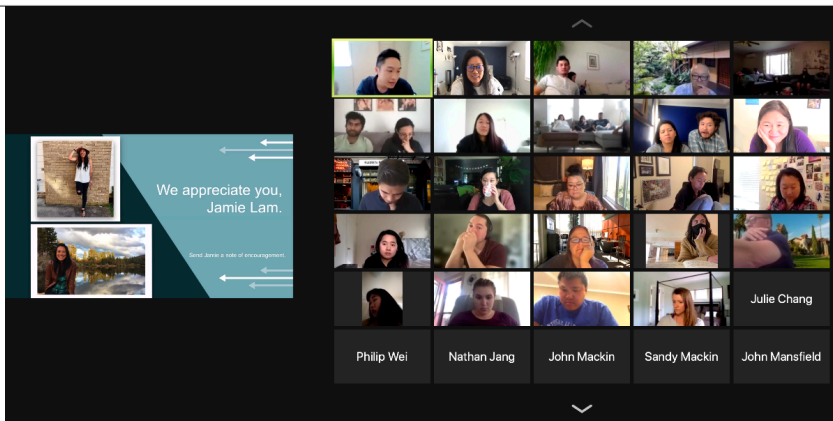


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BUILDING SPIRITUAL MOVEMENTS EVERYWHERE SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE WHO TRULY FOLLOWS JESUS



I am very delayed in updates (4 months to be exact) so thank you for hanging in there with me. It has been a busy last few months for all of us. I hope this finds you doing well and know that I write today with much anticipation and hope in the midst of weariness and fatigue.

11 years on staff with Epic officially. 19 years all together (almost half my life) with my time as a student, an intern, and a volunteer. It's been a long, but worthwhile run. I'll be finishing up my last week with our Epic National team as we meet one last time this school year to reflect, evaluate, and look head for the future of Epic. I'm ready to step down from national leadership for this next season and take some time to lead from the field and spend some time giving focus to

the ministry opportunities in front of me. I am so grateful for Epic and all the ways that this ministry, the people -- the leaders, the students, and all of you have poured into me and have equipped me for the work of our God and Father and the hope that comes from him and through him. Here's the letter I sent to our staff:

It's hard to know how to write this without feeling overwhelmed by gratefulness, sadness, and hope. I started with Epic back in 2002 on a summer missions to Hawai'i and then interned a year after at UCI. For the next 5 years, I continued to stay highly involved with Epic as a volunteer doing stuff at UCR while pursuing my dreams of teaching before joining staff in 2009 and moving to Hawai'i. And now here we are, 19 years later (it just took me a really long time to officially join staff) and I am so grateful for the ways Epic has shaped me, formed me, and helped me dig deeper into the fullness of Christ and His saving grace in my life. I've learned how to make my faith my own while learning how to share that with others. I've grown significantly and been given amazing opportunities to lead and shepherd different teams and people, see students come to know Jesus, and meet some incredible life long friends. I am so thankful for the ways that each of these relationships have molded and shaped me to be a better leader, a better me, and most importantly a better follower of Jesus. Thank you to all of you.

With that said, it is with much sadness that I write sharing about my transition and the next season the Lord is calling me to. Through much counsel and prayer, I have decided to step out of my role as a Missions Director as well as with Epic. Although I am still figuring out what is next, with all that has come with this last year and my own recent diagnosis of leukemia, I know that what I want to give my life to is making Jesus known and seeing others come to know the fullness of His love, His grace, and His truth. I'll be pursuing things locally here in SoCal with the Cru High School team. Know that I leave with much hope though for you, for us, and for Epic. I have and will continue to lean into my Epic fam and know that I am only a phone call away for anything that might continue to serve you and your students.

Praying for each of you and that Jesus would meet you in significant ways. Praying that you would continue to take steps of faith, surrender, and trust in His good, pleasing, and perfect will over your lives and the lives of our communities.

I couldn't and wouldn't be here without each of you and I am thankful for the work we get to continue to partner in. Thank you for praying for me and not only my ministry but my personal life, health, and healing. Please send me any prayer requests you may have as I would love to be able to intercede and pray for you! I can't wait to update you on this next season and what God is going to continue to do!

All for His glory,

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