

KINGDOM COME

Matthew 6:9

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NICH & TRICIA BEEBEE | APRIL 2011 | EPIC MOVEMENT & CAMPUS CRUSADE for CHRIST



Sharon (far left) and Dustin told us they no longer felt they could be leaders with our Epic Movement – their desire was to tell their classmates about the modern-day slavery and oppression happening in Orange County, the United States and around the world. That was nearly three years ago, and now as graduating seniors, Sharon and Dustin are leaving a legacy of God's heart for the marginalized through the UC Irvine Chapter of International Justice Mission.

IJM is a human rights agency, which strives to bring justice to victims of slavery, sexual exploitation, among other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers and investigators team up with local officials to aid in victim rescue, to prosecute perpetrators, and to promote public justice systems. IJM UCI chapter is a group of students concerned with international injustice issues, and acting as advocates for the oppressed. In response to the Bible's call to justice (Isaiah 1:17): *Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow*, Sharon, Dustin and other member's goals are to: **RAISE THEIR VOICES** for the suffering through prayer and advocacy, **RAISE AWARENESS** on our campus and community, and **RAISE SUPPORT** to help IJM rescue victims of oppression. **Praise God for his mercy, and willingness to use Sharon and Dustin for His glory, as they step out in faith to connect with students outside of the Christian community.**



Women's Appreciation

The men of UCI's Epic Movement just held a Women's Appreciation Dinner for the ladies (see pics below). It's really special to see the students love on each other. Right after this was held, the women have quickly jumped on planning a Men's Appreciation for their brothers! The posture of their hearts is to eagerly serve one another and we are humbled and encouraged by them.

Although we haven't been a part of each event, we've been hearing how the students have been. Nich and I have been able to meet individually with students from time to time since we live so close to campus. When I (Tricia) meet up with the women I hear great things of where they're growing and being stretched in their faith but I also hear their struggles and pain. Recently I met with one of the women who is just really struggling through her self-image and has been feeling depressed for the past months. She loves God but she feels so far away from Him. I think hearing her share really broke my heart. It makes me eager to be back on campus with these women. Not that I can change them, only God can. I see my true desire is to come alongside college women to see them experience real life change and healing through Jesus. I know Nich wants that in the men He pours into as well. We are eager to be back on campus – please pray that it comes soon!

Would you join us in praying for . . .

- **Our students** at UC Irvine. We have at least 10 of our students graduating and a very small freshmen class. We'd love your prayers for good transitions for students as they enter into the "real world" and for the high school seniors who are getting ready to attend UCI. We pray we can reach them for Christ and not just build up our Epic movement but expand our influence to students within different communities.
- **Our staff team** as we close out the year this next month. Pray for good endings and transitions as some of us are leading summer projects (we personally will be staff on the **San Francisco Summer Project!**), joining staff, etc. Pray for us to evaluate and celebrate well together.
- **Both of us** as we've been enjoying a new church, New Song, that we've been checking out lately – thanks for your prayers for that! Irvine feels more and more at home. We're eager to be back on campus by mid-May, please pray that we can raise our remaining \$300/monthly in finances. And praise God for all He's provided already!



We are so thankful for your partnership in reaching lost students and ultimately the world. This ministry is only possible through your prayerful and financial support, and we are grateful for your sacrificial giving. Thank you for joining us in helping reach the world for Christ and for being a part of our team! God continues to use you mightily in our lives, as well as the lives of college students in Irvine, Riverside and around the world.

NICH & Tricia

