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Reaching the city of **San Francisco** for **Christ**

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Thank you for all your prayers for our summer in San Francisco! We are back in Irvine after a whirlwind summer missions project with 23 students and 14 staff. Before we left, we shared that we were going into the summer full of excitement but some apprehension. There were a lot of uncertainties without knowing what it'd be like to go with Naomi, but we are extremely grateful for our time there and are excited to share with you the many things God did.



Learners of the City -- We mentioned in our last letter that we didn't want to come with all the "answers" to help a city but wanted to be learners and come alongside what God was already doing. Our hope was to have a variety of experiences so we could better understand the city and its people. So the project split up, and went to three different venues: a homeless ministry, a local senior citizens' center and college campuses to share our faith. Through the homeless ministry alone, we were able to help serve over 9,000 meals through the course of our summer!

We also tried "Experiential Learning" where each Sunday we would take time to attend something that would stretch us to learn and be immersed in the city. On July 1st we went to "Sunday Streets" where miles of car-free roads are created so people can get out and be active in diverse San Francisco neighborhoods. In one neighborhood - the Mission District - we went in and out of art galleries including one that was specifically trying to give immigrants a voice. The artwork they were creating was amazing and it was so interesting to talk with them about their beliefs.



Our Team -- Not only the city was diverse, but our own project represented California, Nebraska, Texas, New York, Hawaii, Wisconsin & Taiwan. We both were on the "Ohana Team" -- helping the project form bonds and interact as one family. One night, Kalia, a Hmong student from Wisconsin, shared about her life and family, opening up a time for students and staff to share their testimonies together in small groups. It was powerful to see Kalia model vulnerability and then have the opportunity to share ourselves. We are really grateful for how everyone connected -- many of them said they suffered from PPD (Post Project Depression) afterwards, missing the intimate time they had sharing life and strengthening their faith together.



Naomi -- Naomi did wonderfully! She really enjoys people and would stare at the new sights while sitting comfortably in our red-and-white checkered carrier (above). Naomi helped us work better as partners and showed us that even though ministry is not the same as when we were single, it's still possible and even more powerful to trust God with her life and the things she's exposed to wherever we're called to serve Him.

Our summer would have been extremely different had we stayed at home. We're thankful for the hearts God grew in us for the city of San Francisco and what we learned about ministering as a team and as a family. We'd love your prayers as we enter into a new year, with a new staff team, as we plan and pray to effectively reach the thousands of students pouring in this fall!

Blessings,

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