

The Sillysheep Pen

finding the lost, binding the brokenhearted



Fall Fun

November 2010

With the start of November, we have finally arrived at the midpoint in our semester. Our fall retreat was very satisfying as we saw more students attend than ever before (nearly 50 students). 15 of which were freshmen (including the student whose letter I enclosed last month). Our overall theme for our semester in "Living out the gospel" and the Fall retreat served as part of helping our students feel a sense of belonging. We want all our students to find a place on campus where they can belong and grow in their faith.

It's been exciting to see a steady stream of new students come to our group, both those who know the Lord personally and those who are exploring the Christian faith. As a matter of fact there are so many students that there is no way we can connect with them all. Please pray for us as we help our existing students pursue and intentionally love those who come seeking Jesus.

We are please to report that this semester all our small groups are functioning much better than they have in previous semesters, especially among the women. We've actually had to launch an extra women's groups that we had not expected. Thank you so much for your prayer in this area. We know that it is only with your prayers that

all this is happening. Please pray that we will continue to experience growth in this area, both in depth and breadth. Pray also for the men's small groups, thank God that they are getting traction, and pray that they will flourish and multiply.

Having so many new students, while an incredible blessing, presents it's own challenges. Many of our students are unfamiliar with Campus Crusade for Christ and all that we offer for their spiritual growth. Many may not be familiar with the difference between a fellowship/christian club and a Missions Organization such as CCC, which seeks to help its' members to deeply experience and enjoy God and then proclaim Him with joy. Most of our new students are not yet familiar with (whether in theory or practice) what it means to be a witness for Jesus.

And the freshmen are just beginning to struggle with what it means to develop a vibrant faith at a secular university. Some of whom are new in their faith (or not yet professed a faith in Jesus). These and many other exciting challenges now present themselves.

We are humbled that the Lord has entrusted us with these (and hopefully even more) students. Please pray that we will stay in step with the Holy Spirit as we lead, teach, coach, model, and love them in the years to come.

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

- 1 Cor 3:7 -



Keeping tabs on what's going on...



I wrote a few weeks ago, about our room situation. We are actively working with the University to smooth any misunderstandings and secure a room where we may worship the Lord weekly. Please continue to pray for this, and for fair access to use of University facilities. Also, it seems that the enemy is set on attacking our worship ministry as our student worship leader has had to step back from this responsibility. Please pray for this as well.



Next, it is crucial for the growth of our ministry to see interns and new staff come to our campus. In early November, nine of our students had an opportunity to attend our regional "Preview Weekend", a conference for graduating students who are exploring full time ministry. So, please pray for Chris, Luke, Sarah M., Tim, Matt, Jeff, Sarah H, Connie, Ji-Young, and Saul as they consider the opportunity of offering up a year (or more) to the Lord as an interns or new staff.



Leading Epic continues to be a challenge, as we face the ever increasing demands of a growing ministry. This semester we have started having regular (monthly) large group meetings in addition to our small groups. Please pray for us to do a good job using the larger venue to set direction, cast vision for the redeeming of a generation and sending out laborers. Please also pray for us as we more actively address Asian American issues from a biblical perspective.



On the home front, we have been sick lately. Please pray for our health. Please continue to pray that Jen & Joe maintain a vital walk with Jesus, for apart from Him we can do nothing.

Lydia will turn 7 this coming Thanksgiving, so hard to believe. The girls will be part of a local production of "The Nutcracker" in December. And Joe's Dad has recently undergone surgery for the removal of infected material in his lungs which is causing pneumonia. Thank you for your prayers.

