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Mobilizing Prayer for Lost Students

"But that doesn't sound fair," complained Shane, who'll be a college freshman in the fall. "It's not fair that Jesus would take away our sins for free." Jason, a senior from Virginia Tech, and I met Shane and five of his friends Saturday on the boardwalk. While some of them had grown up going to church, none of them could explain why Jesus had to come to die for us. The sad reality here is that many people think Jesus is irrelevant to their lives. It has been encouraging to have had so many opportunities so far this summer to share the gospel with many on the beach and campuses. We're striving to clearly explain why Jesus is *more than relevant* to our lives in that He is the only answer to the sin problem we all have.

I'm here in San Diego with 45 other staff and 120 students, for an intense summer mission project. It is absolutely beautiful here, but we are finding that it can be a spiritually dark place. As I study 2 Timothy, I am moved by Paul's desire to see God grant repentance and lead people to a knowledge of the truth. Paul instructed Timothy to take the things he had learned and entrust them to reliable men who would also be qualified to teach others.

With that as my model, I am leading four young men here with the desire to see their lives multiplied to lead ministries like Timothy. I'm training them in how to lead, share their faith, and point others to Jesus. I have continually been impressed with their love for the Lord and their commitment to serve Him and grow. Please pray that the Lord would equip me with the wisdom to challenge them and to facilitate growth in their faith.

Please take a minute a pray for them by name. They are: **Alexis**, from New Mexico State, **Chris**, from Lindenwood University in St. Louis, **Andrew**, from Missouri State, and **Will**, staff at Mizzou. Each of these guys are mentoring younger students this summer. It is exciting to think that what they learn here will not only point others to Jesus this summer, but they are learning the skills that will equip them to walk with Jesus for a lifetime, to train others who will go on to teach more people how to grow in their faith, launching spiritual movements everywhere! Thank you for the huge part you are playing in this process through your prayers and financial gifts. God is using you!



FELICITY VISITS SAN DIEGO

On an exciting personal note, my girlfriend, Felicity, was able to come visit me here in San Diego for a few days last week. Felicity is on staff with Campus Crusade in central Illinois. We first met and started dating when I was in Daytona in January. We had a beautiful time together, as always. Please keep us in your prayers as we pursue the Lord's will in our relationship!

Joe