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Dearest Friend,

I rejoice and thank you for your prayers this semester! God provided abundantly for us at Cal State Fullerton last week! After Fall Retreat, we concentrated on discipleship and building up our movement. But, last Monday we turned our focus to the campus.

How do you appeal to college students? What's attractive to each of the 36,000 people enrolled at CSUF? In the past, our outreach efforts were effective in reaching those already curious about Christianity. This time, we wanted to engage with the entire population, including students indifferent to or even hostile toward the gospel of Jesus.

For three days, anyone could grab a Sharpie and voice his or her opinion. Enormous question boards stood between the student union and the major walkway on campus. What's your purpose? What's wrong with the world? What fixes it? After writing their thoughts, students could share their beliefs and experiences with someone from Campus Crusade for Christ. We aimed to listen well and provide a comfortable place to discuss spiritual topics. The result was so encouraging!

From Muslim students to atheists, we had the opportunity to exchange views with so many people who would almost never walk into a Christian meeting or event. As students in our movement extended a marker to their peers, many felt invited to explain their beliefs on life and God. Because we entered into the students' perspectives, listening intently, they then asked what we believe. What do you think it means to have a relationship with God? How do you forgive other people? What do you think about these questions? Time after time, students asked us to share our faith.

One girl was particularly quick to enter into conversation. She promptly brought up her philosophy of living based on good vibes. Gina later mentioned karma and also claimed it's important to rely on God. It didn't matter that her beliefs seemed muddled to me. As I tried to understand more fully what Gina thought about depending on God, she genuinely wanted to hear my ideas. Like so many others, she had the opportunity to both share and hear.

Please pray for God's continued touch in the hearts of these students! About
25 students expressed interest in discussion groups to continue the conversation for the next four weeks! Please also pray for our staff and students to continue growing in Christ and pouring His love out on campus.

Grace and Peace.

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