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Dearest Supporters,

"And Jesus answered them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5 reminds me that in order to imitate Jesus I must be around people in need. That was originally one of the reasons I joined Alpha Delta Pi as a junior at USC. Despite my aversion to sororities, my dear friend brilliantly invited me to lunch and other hang-out times at the ADPi house. During this trickery, I met many of her amazing sorority sisters and my stereotypes came crashing down. I'm so thankful my eyes were opened!

The clearer picture I gained involved 150 women in need of a doctor. My friend and the other Christian "sisters" prayed for each other in all sorts of times of stress and sadness. They also had a unique proximity to the rooms full of women who didn't know Christ. Although hesitant at first, I seized this opportunity to enter a special sisterhood.



The privilege continued this past weekend! I lent my hands for the annual sorority recruitment. Words cannot describe how elaborate of a production this is, but my believing sorority sisters impressed me significantly. In the midst of grand-scale fashion and furniture chaos, they remembered to present themselves as daughters of Christ and shine with His light for over 800 potential new members. My radiant "little sister" brought tears to my eyes when the women demonstrated the slideshow for us volunteers!

God also gave me an opportunity to reflect His love for these women. I served behind the scenes with some parents and a few alumni. We helped with cleaning, setting up, and providing meals and snacks. There were several chances for me to encourage my sisters and the other volunteers. Since many of them wanted to know what I'm doing now, they quickly discovered that my positive attitude and smile accompany a faith in Jesus Christ.

Please pray for these women and other college students in need. Those who know God still need healing and endurance in their faith. The students who don't know God yet desperately need someone to introduce Him. Please also pray in particular for the students at Cal State Fullerton and the nearby schools where I'll be working.

Grace and Peace,

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