

# Seasons of Life...



Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."  
~ John Maxwell

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well! Once again I'm here to update you on the comings and goings of this thing called "life." Many of you know that I've been teaching for the past three years in the Corona Norco Unified School District and what a blessing that has been. I started teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade and then moved to 6<sup>th</sup>, both at an elementary school, and now I'm finishing my last year teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra at an Intermediate School. It has been fun working with the different grade levels as well as with my different teams. Although I haven't taught the same grade

twice, I think my favorite was 6<sup>th</sup>. ☺ I've been able to meet and work with students, parents, and co-workers, who some of you have become lifelong friends. It has been amazing to see how influential teachers are and the impact we can have on our students, but also, to see the impact and influence they can have on us. It's been such a blessing to have been a part of such a great work environment and I have been able to come across so many great friends! I could not have asked for a better first three years of work!

## Epic – University California of Riverside

With teaching, I've also had the privilege to volunteer staff with Campus Crusade for Christ & EPIC (the Asian American ministry of Campus Crusade) at the University of California, Riverside. After attending an EPIC Conference in 2008 with a good friend and student at UCR, we felt like God had put it on our hearts to start an EPIC Movement to reach students on the Riverside campus. We had prayed that God would raise up a group of student leaders to help launch an EPIC Movement. That Fall we saw four students step out and trust God to use them in our movement. They have grown in their desire to see EPIC launch and begin reaching the lost students on campus. Since then, we've grown to about a group of nine students who all have the desire to step out

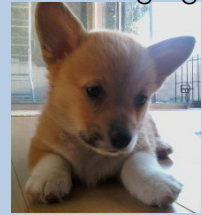
of their comfort zones to make the gospel of Jesus known. We've really spent this year developing our students and helping them understand Campus Crusade's vision to turn lost college students into Christ-centered laborers. Out of those eight, three students are going on a summer missions project with EPIC this summer. God has been faithful to His calling at UCR and we are praying that this movement will continue to grow and more and more students will hear the good news of Jesus. This past January, we went back to EPIC Conference and took with us nine students from UCR and just really saw how the Lord had multiplied us from two to nine. Our prayer is that every year, we would represent UCR by increasing our attendance at conference with new Christian students from our campus.

## Starting a New Chapter...

Over the past 7 years of attending conferences, my role felt different going this year as a volunteer staff. It was exciting to be bringing a group of students from a campus that had not been really represented the years past and to be able to step in as a leader for these students. I even got to lead a seminar with a good friend of mine, which was fun! Of course, my intentions were to go and be there for the students that had come

from UCR, but the Lord knew that He would be working in me as well. Over the past five years and still being connected with Campus Crusade & EPIC, the thought of joining staff full time had always been lingering, but to be honest, my mentality was *when I feel like I'm done with teaching and have secured myself financially, I'd consider joining staff*. Teaching has still been fairly new to me and it's something that I can say I love! Work was never work for me; it was

## 2008-2009 Highlights



New family member, Mochi



Spending time with friends & now their kids! ☺ (Jen & Ryan)



Church trip to Galveston, Texas



Family cruise to Ensenada

## UCR EPIC



Our very 1<sup>st</sup> meeting



EPIC Conference 2009



something I looked forward to everyday.

But, one night during our sessions as I was sitting there listening to our speaker, he posed a question of *what are we doing to live out of our comfort zones and what are doing with our lives that will make a dent in the kingdom of God?* As he finished asking these two questions, I sat and really began to ask myself what is it that I am doing with my life and why haven't I joined staff? Really, for me being able to play an active role at UCR this past year got my heart excited and when I saw the eagerness of these students to want to share the gospel, nothing else seemed to matter. My heart for the lost has been growing and in times like these, would love nothing more than to share the hope that we can have in Christ to those who are searching for something more.

After talking with some close, trusted friends, I realized that yes, teaching was my passion, but what was really keeping me from going into full time ministry was leaving my comfort zone... the fact that I would be leaving a secure salary to raise support, to not know where I would be going, and to have to trust God whole heartedly with my future. But, at the same time, as scary as this was, I know that my calling right now is to make a dent in the Kingdom of God in whatever way that

might be. My discipler once told me that life is either might made up of merely existing or really living and I don't want to just exist anymore... I want to really live the life that I feel like God has called me to live and to share the news that we can have eternal life in Christ.

So after many prayers and tears, I know I need to be obedient to follow the Lord's calling now and have decided to join staff with Campus Crusade for Christ full time this summer. So what does that all entail? I have been placed at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa where I will be joining a staff team already there. I had spent three summers there in 2002, 2003, and 2004 on summer missions trips and since those trips I felt that God had placed it on my heart to love His place and people in Hawai'i. While on staff, I will be meeting and working with our staff team there to try and find ways to effectively reach the college students at UH, especially the local students. My heart is to also try and spend time reaching the international exchange students, sharing the gospel of Christ with them so that they can know Him and take the good news back to their countries. We will be training and raising up student leaders on different campuses to effectively share their faith and reach those who have never heard the gospel message.

## Building a Partnership...

Before embarking on this new journey, I will first be heading to Colorado State University for New Staff Training from July 4<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. This training will prepare me to handle the position to which the Lord has called me. Like many other missionary organizations, Campus Crusade staff members have the responsibility to develop a team of financial partners who provide the necessary finances for their outreach, including their salary and business-related expenses. I know that times are tough, but I ask that you would prayerfully consider joining my team and making *your* dent in the Kingdom of God. Following the training, I will come home to raise the rest of my support so that I can actually move and get on campus in Hawai'i. I have been praying as there are a lot of finances to be raised that God would open my eyes to trust Him, as this is what He's called me to do. As part of my journey to trusting God, on top of my one time support, I will need to raise monthly support to cover salary and the costs of living. The numbers are not set yet, but I am fully trusting on God to provide whatever it is I need. I'm asking that you would also prayerfully consider joining my monthly support team and seeing how the Lord will use you to reach these students. Will you consider giving a one time and/or monthly gift of 50, \$100, \$300, or some other amount?

The financial part of this and raising support is probably the hardest for me, but I trust that the Lord will provide in abundance for me. The words of this old hymn have kept me in perspective and I pray that these words would speak to you as well. *Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.* I know that financially, it is a hard time right now but my hope that is in light of God's glory and grace, my eyes would be focused on the eternal treasures.

Following training, I look forward to sharing with you what I have learned and more specifically what I will be doing in bringing God's word to the campuses in Hawai'i. In about a week or so, I would like to follow up with you to see what you have decided and to share a little more about my ministry and answer any questions you may have. I'm excited to share this with you and believe that you are an essential part to reaching students not only in Hawai'i but in the world. Thank you for considering this partnership!

I just wanted to share one last story... I remember driving to work one morning and praying that God would show me a sign of confirmation that this is where He was calling me. As I was driving, I saw a bumper sticker that said "Make your next career move the one that sets you free." I was reminded then that living out of my comfort zone and trusting God fully by joining staff, being used to save lives for all eternity is definitely a career where I know many will be set free!

Because He Lives,

*Jamie*



## Prayer Requests

1) **Pray** that I would finish off the school year strong and continue to love and impact my students for who they are!

2) **Praise** for UCR and the students who have stepped out to trust Him this past year. **Pray** for those on projects this summer, that God would rock them and bring them back ready to share their faith and continue reaching the community in Riverside.

3) Continue **praying** for this summer and preparations to joining staff full time. **Pray** for financial situation and remembering to keep focused on what really matters!

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