

ALOHA KE AKUA

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Building spiritual movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus

Thank you for your prayers as I spent the month of January traveling for Summer Missions Leader's Training, our Epic student conferences in both the East and West Coast, as well as to Penn State for our yearly campus coaching visit. There is much to be celebrated and as I continue in this role, my eyes are opened more and more to what the Lord is doing all across the nation and in the world through the lives of students and faculty. Here are a few updates from this month (please email me to subscribe to receiving my full newsletters)



The Spirit of the Lord was at work during our student conferences. Our conference themes this year were "Be" and "Breaking Free" with the desire to help our students grow in their understanding that before God wants our service, he wants our hearts and to simply be with him as well as the freedom we as believers have to break free from the things that hold us down so that we can fully experience Jesus Christ as well as share that with others around us.

We had two conference locations this year and I had the privilege of attending both in the same weekend. It was a privilege to step back from conference planning and to see the bigger picture of the impact these conferences have on the lives of our students and communities. This year our East Coast conference took place in Baltimore, MD and our West Coast conference in Orange, CA. We had a total of 460 students in attendance representing 59 schools throughout the US. We also had 30 alumni/volunteers serve alongside us in making it all happen.



Each year we host a Day of Faith where our students and staff go out in partnership with local churches to share the Gospel and serve members of the communities. We saw in faith 644 spiritual conversations initiated, 214 gospel presentations, and 3 new believers put their faith in Jesus Christ.

As one of our core conference values, we challenge our students to acknowledge the new steps of faith they made during the weekend by signing a pledge. I had the awesome opportunity to lead this at our East Coast Conference and it was a reminder to myself to continue to trust the Lord with where he has me and to continue taking steps of faith to trust him in my journey on staff. We saw 181 students pledge to serve the Lord with their whole heart, 15 indicating they put their faith in Jesus Christ for the first time, 18 indicating they wanted to serve with Epic as interns for one year, 48 indicating they will apply for a summer mission, and 72 made other personal decisions regarding their relationship with Christ.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and for being a part of major life changing decisions for the sake of the Gospel. It is all done for the glory of God and I am grateful for your partnership in seeing the Kingdom advance.

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We envision Asian American students and faculty whose lives have been transformed by the Gospel, and who are 1) growing in their understanding of and relationship with Jesus Christ, 2) embracing the value of their culture through Christ's redemptive love, and 3) taking their in God's redemptive plan by building missional movements that impact their families, peers, community, and world with the power of the Gospel.

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