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"God is Love" - Catching Up
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BUILDING SPIRITUAL MOVEMENTS EVERYWHERE SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE WHO TRULY FOLLOWS JESUS

Time has flown. I realized my last update was from June. I am so sorry that I have not kept up with sending out updates. To say the least, it's been a full semester with much to celebrate and look forward to. Here are a few ministry highlights from the last 5 months! I am giving thanks for you and your continued generosity and helping me make things like this happen! Praying for you in this holiday season! <3



FALL RETREAT 2023. This year our SoCal Epic ministry combined fall retreats with a few other movements including Pomona Valley Cru, Cal State Long Beach Cru, Cal State Fullerton Cru, and Renew Church OC in Brea. We brought everyone together to combine resources and man power and it was a great weekend getting to do ministry as one body with many parts! We talked about Unity in Christ and how that overflows into all aspects of our lives, not just when it comes to ministry events or church. It was a unique experience for our students but out of this we have seen more joint ministry efforts which helps propel our vision of reaching the campus. This photo is our pre-retreat staff Costco trip. We filled 4 large carts with enough breakfast foods and snacks to feed these college students. A HUGE THANK YOU TO EFREE DIAMOND BAR for your generosity and donation to our retreat and the amount of food you provided!

One of the things that we really wanted to focus on this year was outreach. We wanted to engage students on campus with who we are as Epic and to let them know there was a place on their campus to explore their faith, ask questions, and just have a dialogue about anything. Students have really taken initiative over this and one things that they have been doing is posting up on campus with giveaways and a question to answer. This particular day, the question they asked was "What Give You Life?" This has not only given us opportunities with students on campus but it has given our own students more vision on what it looks like to love and engage with others.



One of my favorite things is when we get together to serve others. Each week after our weekly meeting, students hang out and usually do something fun (ice cream, donuts, tacos, boba, etc). This specific week, they decided to partner with a local church, Anchor Community Church, to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They went out and shopped for all the fun little things they wanted to give to kids and spent the time packaging and praying for each box. Tonight, we are partnering with Faculty Commons and blessing our professors by writing thank you notes to them and filling a mug with goodies for the holiday season!

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