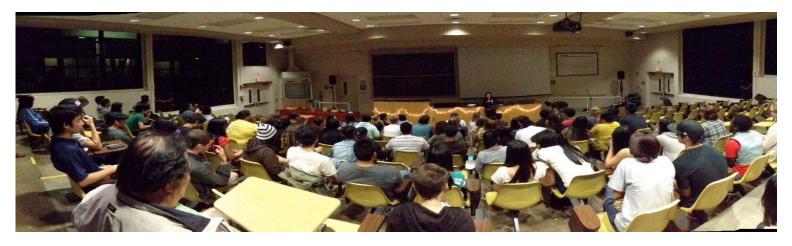


Bringing the Umbrella

Once, during a drought, a group of Christians gathered together to pray for rain. They prayed fervently for hours, and then went home. The next day, when they gathered again, they noticed that one had returned with an umbrella in her hand. Perplexed, they asked her, "Why did you bring an umbrella? It hasn't rained for months!" She replied, "We asked for rain, didn't' we? Why wouldn't I bring an umbrella?"

Mitch, one of our core team students, remembered this fable as he was sitting in a campus meeting hearing about how registered campus organizations (like Cru) could use any room on the campus, subject to availability, for their events. He remembered that at the beginning of the school year, we as a movement had prayed that God would soon increase the size of our movement to 200 students. And then he put two and two together and came to the staff with this idea: start having weekly meetings in a big lecture hall that fits a lot of students, as a proverbial umbrella, if you will, saying, "If we're going to pray for 200 students in our movement, let's get a room that can fit that many!" The staff and student leaders all got excited about this idea, and, after prayer and research, we found and booked a large lecture hall in the chemistry building for every weekly meeting of this spring semester.

Already, we have been seeing record numbers in attendance- just two weeks ago; we had about 90 people at our meeting! Now, we know it's not about numbers, but it's so exciting to see the Lord responding to our step of faith by leading so many people to come to hear the gospel- believers and many non-believers alike! And we're only 5 weeks in! God is definitely doing things here, and I can't wait to see how He continues to draw souls to Himself as He leads us to take steps of faith and leave the results to Him!



I had the privilege of speaking at our weekly meeting that night about "Yielding Our Rights" and seeing how the Holy Spirit worked in amazing ways. It was such a blessing to be used that night and fun! ©

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