The Summer So Far...

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Summer Project Briefing A

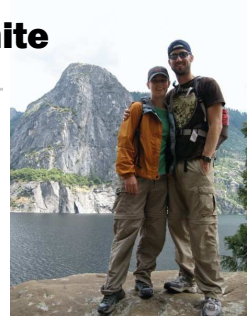
Our first of several summer conferences started out an eventful one.



We coached the Tokyo summer project, led by our 2 USC interns. It was really fun for us to be able to help them and their team prepare for the 6 week trip, but God had even more exciting things in store. The teams got a great opportunity to bond, work together, and trust Him right away. Short over $50,000 between the 3 teams about to head overseas, God raised it all in 2 days so that all the students could get on the planes!



Yosemite



After a couple of weeks working on our financial support, we headed out of the city for a little rejuvenation. Yosemite is amazingly beautiful and the nature and fresh air was much needed. Paul was able to climb Half Dome on a perfect weather day. We spent a lot of time hiking; enjoying the views and the company before we had to step back into "normal life" again.





Summer Project Briefing B

The second round of summer project send-offs was a little different than the first. We had 7 teams getting ready to go this time, and we both had different roles to play. Paul was in charge of operations—working with the university to make sure everyone had rooms, meals, and all the other necessities. Trina got to help out with finances since someone new was doing it for the first time.



This group was also different because more students were leading the trips than staff—a challenge and a blessing! Pray for them as they minister to students in South Africa, El Salvador, East Asia, Australia, Tokyo, and the Middle East.



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Just last week we got to welcome home the 3 teams that we sent off five weeks earlier. It was awesome to see them and hear the stories of what God had done.



Coaching the Tokyo team, we got to walk them through times of celebration, feedback, and encouragement. It is amazing how much these students can change in such a short time! Tokyo saw 4 people put their faith in Christ—a great response for such a hard place. East Asia had an amazing summer seeing 139 respond to the gospel! The Dominican Republic saw 43 lives changed. Praise God and pray for those that gave their lives to Christ, that they would grow in their faith.