"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now…"
Philippians 1:3-5

November 2007

It feels like the chaos of the first couple of months is dying down, and life at USC is beginning to seem pretty normal (for a staff person that is). We both have a pretty set schedule and we're beginning to see the USC culture with it's good and bad sides more and more clearly. Trina and I have been enjoying each other and taking the time to work on our relationship when we need it. I have found marriage to be both enlightening and encouraging. I have made some rookie mistakes, such as making decisions without discussing it with Trina, but hopefully I'm learning from these and the journey on the way to marital bliss will continue more and more smoothly. It's hard to fit everything I want to say without going on and on, but the transitions we've been going through almost seem to be, dare I say it, easy. Please pray that they continue to be.

The month of October brings the very middle of the semester at USC and with it a definite lack of momentum, which is pretty normal. As such, we have spent more time evaluating the movement and deciding on next steps. One thing that we saw that we've begun to deal with is in the area of evangelism in our movement. We asked the leadership team what they thought evangelism in our movement looked like right now and they replied, "the staff do it and no one else does". That's one of the last things we want to be true of the movement at USC. So we're beginning to take steps to challenge our students to step out in faith and share about Christ more. Please pray with us that Jesus' name is proclaimed to every corner of this campus and that students go boldly to tell their friends in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now, as we prepare to wrap up our first semester here, we're looking forward to a crazy Christmas break. We'll be traveling to Northern California, back to L.A., to Texas, then to San Diego, and back to Texas one more time. This travel includes time with both families and a couple of conferences. We'll give you more on that later when we have more room to write. Please be praying for safe travels and good rest during the next month or so. Then we'll get you all caught up when we get back home to start the spring semester.

Until then, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

Paul & Trina

Prayer Requests

- Safety and rest during holiday travels
- Winter Conference coming up Dec. 28-Jan. 1, and the prep work that we need to get done before then (Trina with finances and Paul with bookstore—so many details!)
- Students in our movement to have a heart for the lost and a desire to share the gospel
- Our spring planning time coming up Dec. 7-11—getting ready for the next semester



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