

Destino is for Everyone

Sarah quickly walked up to the stage during open-mic time to share what God was doing in her life through Fall Retreat and the Destino Movement . She shared about growing up in the Imperial Valley where she was a minority among mostly Mexican Americans. Life looked different now that she was a student at Cal State Fullerton. There were so many white people! She struggled to find a place to belong. That lack of belonging left her so defeated that she even contemplated suicide. One day as she was walking across campus she saw a sign that read *Destino*. She was intrigued and it reminded her of home. She walked up to the table to see what it was about. As she heard the vision from the leaders, she was hesitant. "Is this only for Latinos? Because I'm white." Joel quickly responded, "Destino is for everyone. Look at Paul...He's white as heck!" This is what led Sarah to find a place to belong in Destino.

Sarah's story was just one of many that were shared during our West Coast Destino Fall Retreat. Gathered together in what seemed like the middle of nowhere in the California desert, we watched God move among our students...almost twice as many as we had last year! Our theme was *Belong*. Jesus breaks down barriers and takes away our shame. We can be confident because we belong to the family of God through Jesus Christ. As a result, we are called to create communities that do the same.

There have often been questions as to why we need both Cru and Destino on campus. Shouldn't we all just be together? There are many reasons, but one thing that we have to be reminded is that Destino, just like Cru, is for everyone. We have lots of ethnicities and backgrounds represented in all of our movements. Destino is not a ministry *to* Latinos, but a ministry *through* Latinos. We are creating a movement that uniquely carries the gospel to the world through the worldview, values, and customs of the Latino community. God created culture just as he created individuals—with different gifts and personalities that are all needed in the body of Christ to more accurately and fully reflect His image. So Destino not only speaks the cultural language that better reaches many students, but it benefits the entire body of Christ by uniquely representing how God works in this world.

Read more at http://destinoyearbook.com/2012/destino-cru/.


Destino West Coast Fall Retreat 2012

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Praise God for the 130 students, staff, and volunteers that came to our Fall Retreat!
- Students are beginning to sign up for Destino Winter Conference in January. Pray that God will provide ways for them to get to San Antonio.
- Praise God that our new intern Daniel recently got his work permit so he can begin working with us now!
- Pray for wisdom and protection for our students from some aggressive groups on campus trying to lead them astray with a different gospel.

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