A Tale of Two Ministries

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You're sitting in a group with over 20 of your schoolmates and a knot is growing in your stomach. Your palms are beginning to sweat and you're trying very hard to pay attention to the junior talking to you, telling you how to share Christ with someone. You've never done this before and you really didn't want to, but that's what is planned for today, so you're kind of stuck. You say a quick prayer that it will be over soon and stand up with every one else as they get ready to leave.

Over the winter break we had 26 students join us in San Diego for our annual winter conference. While there, one of the most challenging days is usually the day of outreach. All the students there are sent out into the communities to talk to people, letting them know about the love of Christ. For many of the USC students that went, it was their first time doing anything like it. It was a life changing experience.

Most were probably feeling many of the feelings described at the top of the page. But as a result of this challenging day, several of the freshmen came back and asked the older students if they could do the same thing on campus at USC. Of course!!

The students have planned a time to meet up on Tuesdays at 10 am to go out sharing their faith in Christ. Please pray for them as they begin this endeavor. They are excited and experiencing being used by God for the first time to reach out to their peers. It's exhilarating, and challenging. We hope this is just the beginning!



Paul ringing in the New Year with some USC students at the Winter Conference



Carlos & Niki celebrating their Cuban heritage at our Destino Olvera Street outing

If you've been reading our letters you know that Trina and I have undertaken leading a group called Destino. An outreach ministry for Latino students on USC's campus. Being a gringo, it is a challenge to relate to some aspects of Latin culture, but I feel like God is teaching me little by little the things I need to know.

The most exciting part of Destino has to be the students that are leading with us. At the end of last semester I realized we needed a plan. We hadn't really expected Destino to get off the ground so quickly and so we assembled with the students to figure out what to do and where to go from here.

Over the course of several hours we came up with five goals and a strategic plan for what we wanted to see happen. First, we want to seek out a church to partner with in the area. Second, we want to become a recognized group by USC's administration. Third, we want every Latino group on campus to have the opportunity to know about Destino. Fourth, we want to have at least one event focusing on each of the campus, the community, and the world. And finally, we want to have once a month "network" meetings with Destino groups from other campuses in the area.

As a result of this plan, we decided one of our first ways to reach out would be to do leadership interviews with the student leaders of the other Latino groups on campus. Please pray for this plan and that we would have favor with the leaders we contact and the Latino groups on campus as a whole.

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