





*Becoming the Litwins; the Parkside 2 dorm where Trina works; our weekly meeting (called 727); some of my Bible study girls at Fall Retreat; our staff team at the USC vs. Stanford football game.*





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You probably last heard from us either some time before our wedding or, perhaps, at our wedding, but no matter when you last heard from us it is now official. On August 18, 2007 we officially became Paul and Trina Litwin. In actuality though, becoming Paul and Trina Litwin has proven more effort and work than we anticipated and much more than we have accomplished. Trina is still, legally and technically, a Brockett and all of our possessions and accounts are still in one name, but hey, marriage is forever...we'll get around to it. I've found myself saying that a lot these last couple of months, and they have been fun and incredibly interesting for us.

If I had to pick one word to describe this time in our lives, it would be change. With a new marriage, a new job, in a new place, meeting new people, with a new team, it's really the only way to describe it. Though it has been incredibly smooth and enjoyable, change does not come without its stresses. Maybe you can identify? It seems that many of the people I love and care about are going through change. Whether it be by death or birth, a change of job, or ruined plans.

Often it's hard and uncomfortable and I just want it to stop, sometimes it hurts. But it's also in these stressful times, that God pulls me back to Him and reminds me of his unchanging character. We have a father "in whom there is no variation or shifting shadow" (James 1:17). We can know that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). And that is a very comforting thought.

I [Paul] have been doing quite well during this time. I have been asked to be in charge of reaching out to Flour Hall (a dorm on campus), discipling four men in our movement (Steve, Matt, Rob, and Benoit), and coaching our community team which develops community among members of our movement.

I [Trina] have been experiencing a little more transition than Paul since he is used to both Los Angeles and working on campus. But things are going well and I'm having a good time. My role on the USC team is very similar to Paul's. I'm in charge of reaching out to freshman girls living in the Parkside 2 dorm. This includes co-leading a Bible study there with a sophomore girl, Emily. We've had 4 girls coming consistently so far that are committed and excited for God to use them. I'm also discipling 3 of our older student leaders: Jen, Marina, and Kristi. Plus I'm coaching the outreach and service team, though the students in charge are more than capable and are running ahead with finding ways to reach out. I'm also helping out the Pacific Southwest Region by handling as much of the financial responsibilities as I can in 2 days a week. It's a struggle in balance and time management, but it is getting easier. We also had our Fall Retreat a couple of weeks ago, which was a lot of fun. I loved getting out of the city and into the mountains to spend lots of time with people and the Lord. Time is flying by and keeping us busy, but it is exciting to see God work in the lives of students here at USC!

Thanks for serving with us!

*Paul and Trina*

**Please Pray For:**

- The men and women we are working with.
- Us and students to grow in knowledge and love for Christ
- Open communication between us as we figure out this marriage thing. (being quick learners we expect to know everything about marriage soon...or not)
- Financial support we must raise to continue being on campus next year.
- Us to continue getting settled into our new home.

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