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DESTINO

EMPOWERING LATINOS TO BRING TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST WHEREVER THEY GO

Students and staff spent 2 days at Cal State San Bernardino to launch a new Destino movement

MAY 2013

Expanding Our Borders

When most people think of college students on spring break, images of drunken parties on the beach usually come to mind. While that is a reality for many, we are striving for so much more for our students. This much needed break from school can provide a time to rest and prepare for that last push toward summer. It also presents an opportunity to do things we don't have time for when classes are in full swing. So when Sean, the part-time staff at Cal Poly Pomona, mentioned that he had a connection at Cal State San Bernardino and wanted to launch a Destino movement there, we knew we needed to seize the opportunity. This was a chance to reach more students on a new campus in our scope and to involve our students from other campuses in ministry elsewhere. Since CSUSB had a different spring break, we planned to take a couple of days during the first week of April to see how God could work.

About 25 students and staff from Destino and Cru at Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Fullerton spent 2 days of their spring break at Cal State San Bernardino talking to students, giving away horchata, and promoting an informational meeting about Destino. Because San Bernardino is pretty far northeast of where most were coming from, they spent 2 nights in a local church bonding and praying for their time there. By the end of the second day on campus, 8 students from CSUSB were committed to starting and leading a new Destino movement!

Since then, they have had a handful of meetings and have consistently had 10-15 students showing up! That is 15 students whose lives can be transformed and that can be empowered to reach their campus, their families, and their communities for Christ!



Destino 2013 Summer Project Leaders gathered in Denver for training in January. We will be sending students to the Mediterranean, Dominican Republic, and inner city Los Angeles for a month this July-August.



This year was the biggest Destino Winter Conference yet. Paul drove with 3 vans and a car full of students from California to Texas this year! Next year, the plan is to host another conference in Southern California...Praise God!

Becoming an Insider



Paul and Richard (middle), one of our Destino leaders at Fullerton, hang out with Luis, another student at a bowling event for the Latino Business Student Association.

Being effective in full-time ministry means living life as a learner. This has been especially true working with Destino. We've found, the best way to learn a new culture is to enter into it as much as possible. Become an insider by building trusting relationships with those already there. This is something Paul has embraced on many levels as he leads at Cal State Fullerton. One of the ways he has done this is by joining the Latino Business Student Association. It might seem strange, since he is neither Latino nor a student, but his involvement has given him some great opportunities to learn and build relationships with Latino students on campus. He has even had opportunities to attend a couple of Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce events to meet Latino business leaders in the community. As Paul has built these relationships and become more familiar with the community, these LBSA students have had the opportunity to hear about Destino. Coming in as a representative of Jesus and Destino, the attitude to want to learn and serve all the Latino communities on campus has been both surprising and very welcomed by LBSA and other groups like it. These communities have been able to partner in various events, providing support and service to each other. Most importantly, these students have been exposed to a community that is loved and led by Jesus. It is through these relationships, both individually and corporately, that the gospel will be experienced. They will have opportunities both to hear and see who God is and what He is doing for His people. This is the type of ministry God has called us into. Though it may seem slow and difficult to see fruitfulness in the short term, this building up and immersion in the community is invaluable long-term...for both the students of Fullerton and Paul.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

⇒ Pray for wisdom as we are wrapping up the school year, challenging new student leaders, and planning for next year.

⇒ Pray for all the students that are trusting God to go on summer project this summer, that God will provide all they need in the next couple of months, and that we would lead them well in the process.

⇒ Pray for our Leadership Development team as we plan for our Destino Staff Conference this summer. We want this to be a purposeful time to bring refreshment, hope, encouragement, and vision to our staff around the country.

⇒ Pray for us to be personally refreshed over the next few weeks as things hopefully slow down a bit before we start our summer assignments in July. (More about that will be coming soon.)