cultivating a generation of empowered Latin@s mobilized to bring transformation in Christ wherever they go

Destino Los Angeles

Experiencing Libertad

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Paul with the group of students that made the long van ride from L.A. to San Antonio and back..safely!

God did some awesome things at the 2012 Destino Winter Conference. Here is a taste from two of our students.

Daniel: *The theme of the conference was 'Libertad' which means 'Freedom'. The goal was for the students and staff attending to experience true freedom from slavery to sin to true freedom in slavery to Christ. I walked away committed to experience freedom as I have not experienced it before. One of my commitments is to become more vulnerable with my brothers about issues I don't often reveal. I also will work to create the same environment for all of Destino. Vulnerability, I learned, brings healing. And healing brings growth. I am convinced that, would their vision continued to be carried as it is now being carried, Destino could grow to double its size within the next five years. That means hundreds of more Latino student leaders following Christ. This is major!*

Alice: *I remember that when we were starting the journey to San Antonio, Daniel asked everyone what were we expecting to get from the conference that weekend. My answer was, "I just want to acquire some knowledge, I want to come back home and bring something that will help me in my walk." And indeed, it happened! God taught me about sharing with others and not keeping things to myself. He taught me that the Spirit could illuminate my mind to the things of His mind. He taught me that I must have a little more Faith and rely on His plans, not mine. He taught me that I must be a little more sensitive and aware of the well being of my brothers and sisters in Christ and of those who don't know Him. He taught me that I could serve Him with every single aspect of my life, including my career. He taught me that there are many others like me, that seek Him and run along by my side and my job is to encourage them and help them out whenever is in my possibilities. He taught me that He provides the Freedom that all humans seek and that the Freedom has been acquired at the cross.*

On February 1st, the LA Destino team joined with other staff to see if we could get a Destino Movement started at Cal State Northridge. After a full day of covering the campus and meeting students, about 7 students showed up to a meeting and 3 have said they would be willing to help lead a new Destino movement. Praise God! A second staff team should begin arriving soon to take over the central and north LA area—much needed relief for a team stretched with a huge scope!



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