Campus Crusade for Christ at USC

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Sometimes I think of the things I do and I can begin to get prideful. I can fall into the trap of thinking of ministry as the things that you *do* and not the ways you serve. This summer was a great reminder that following Christ is not all about doing. Many times following Christ is helping others and watching *them* do.

Our assignment this summer, as you may know, was helping prepare and welcome back students as they traveled overseas on summer mission trips. I ended up doing most of the logistics (housing, meals, shuttles, etc.) for three of the four conferences and Trina helped coach and do the finances. It was challenging because I'm not usually detail oriented and often take for granted the things "logistical" people do. Nevertheless, I got to see just how much this service is appreciated by those doing what I would typically call the "important" jobs.

Gen and Heather will both be interning with us at USC next year, but this summer they led the Tokyo Summer Project. Trina and I got to coach them before they left and give them advice as well as warnings. When they got to debriefing after leading together for five weeks, they'd had a tougher time than they'd both expected.

Trina got to talk them through the conflict and hurts they had over the course of the summer and helped them leave debriefing feeling much better about what they had just done. They both commented how much they needed that debrief time and how much it helped them to process with their coaches. It turned a hard summer into a very good learning experience.

On another note, I am incredibly excited about the coming year. We attended our National Conference this summer and I think God is doing some great things in our organization. Destino will have its first team in Los Angeles and there seems to be a renewed commitment to reaching every student with the Good News of Christ, even if it gets uncomfortable. To me, this is good news and a great attitude I hope will continue.



Paul shares about his experience with Destino during a seminar at our national staff conference

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

This week marks some milestones for us. We are celebrating 2 years of marriage and 2 years of ministry at USC. Praise God for making it a wonderful beginning! Thanks for sharing in it with us. Pray that God will work in even greater ways in year 3. I know it will bring new challenges, but I take solace in the verse above!

Pray for us:

Student leaders retreat Aug 18-19

Classes start Aug 24

New student outreach during the first few weeks

That we and our leaders would abide in Christ as we kick off a new year

For 60 freshmen to get involved this year

New students to get involved with Destino as we start the for the first time as a recognized group on campus

For many good gospel conversations with students at USC

For Heather and Casey to get the remaining financial support they need to join our team (until then, Trina is the only woman)