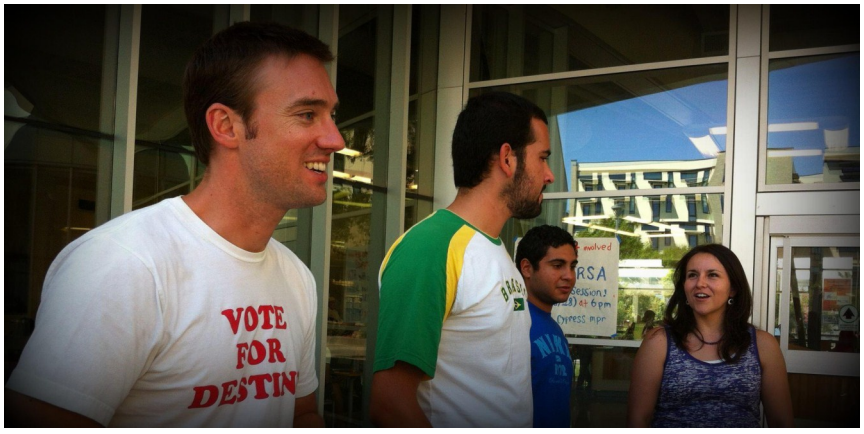
WE ARE WEAK, BUT HE IS STRONG

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Planning meetings, campus surveys, free horchata, and kickoff parties...all signs that another school year has begun. The staff and awesome student leaders are working hard to make Jesus known to more students at Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Fullerton. Even though the team may seem weaker by numbers (we lost 2 full-time staff), we are still trusting God's strength to be able to grow existing movements and start new ones. One blessing is that there are now 2 Destino teams going after the LA area, so our South LA team now has a smaller, more manageable scope covering South LA and Orange County. However, that is still way more than we can do on our own! Pray that Jesus will show His strength in our weakness and bring new life to more people in more places through Destino this year.

On the National Destino side of things, we are also experiencing blessings and challenges. This summer brought quite a few new laborers, including an entire new team to work in New York City! We also now have a team working specifically to research and develop better ways to do Latino ministry, including the way we raise money, the way we train staff, and they way we empower Latino leadership. It's a big job that will help us be more effective and send more Christ-centered Latino laborers into the world. One of the bigger challenges that we are dealing with right now is funding. With a growing National Destino team, we have greater financial needs for our leaders to be able to travel and better serve our local teams in the field. The problem is that our funding hasn't matched that growth. Pray with us for partners around the country that are motivated to help our Destino leadership be able to function to the fullest potential. Until that time, pray that we will make wise decisions about how we use the money we have available now. Thank you!

The South LA Destino Team (and possible interns) after enjoying "Taste of Downtown" in Long Beach



The "End of Summer Fiesta" was a blast for returning and new students from about 5 campuses in the area



Student leaders at Cal State Fullerton reach out to new students on campus



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Playing football with kids at Bixby Park in Long Beach



Riding Angels Flight in downtown LA



The Trek leadership team

See to Grow. This theme for the first ever LA Trek communicates the idea is that we grow through experience. Students learn to see how God can use them as uniquely created individuals and as part of the *familia* of Christ. Even our project leaders, 3 students, were growing by leading. Paul was there to coach and help them, but they were the ones that the other students looked to as their leaders. Their awesome leadership gave the other students great examples to look up to, to see that they too could have a place to lead in Destino (nationally, the majority of our staff are still Caucasian). They were a blessing in assuring that we were more effectively contextualizing the project as they truly lead through their Latino expressions of the gospel.

One favorite moment of the week involved one of our staff Joel and Jaime Garcia, a student he saw come to Christ last year at Cal State Long Beach. They were partnered up as the project was learning to pray by going on a prayer walk. We told everyone that they should walk around and pray for the city and anything they saw, but to feel free to stop and talk to people if God led them to do so. As they were walking Jaime saw a guy sitting at a bus stop and told Joel they should go talk to him. When Joel looked at him the man cut quite the imposing figure. He was a rather large black man who was wearing a skull cap and looked, in Joel's words "like a thug or gangster". Joel suggested they keep walking and praying. Jaime stopped and looked back at Joel. "Are you scared?", he asked. Joel had to admit he had been, but chastised by Jaime they both went to talk to the man. They ended up talking to him for almost an hour and he prayed to receive Christ. I often wonder if my pre-conceived notions of people get in the way of what God wants to do in their lives. Thank goodness Jaime was there and listening to God as he led him to talk to this man.

"Trek is a massively awesome week of growth, great experiences, genuine community, and tons of learning."

-Alice"

Life changing and eye opening"

-Garbriela