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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST @ USC

Students Reaching Students

Seeing the campus transformed by the gospel is our mission. However, our job as staff isn't to reach the masses. Our job is to train faithful students who will reach the campus, much like Jesus and his disciples. It is always exciting to watch how God uses these students who are willing to step out in faith and trust that God will use them to impact others. I want to share one such example with you from this fall. Casey, a junior, is one of our student leaders. Since coming to USC, she has begun a relationship with Christ and seen God transform her own life in huge ways! Here is her story in her own words:



Casey (left) and Amanda

This was an amazing week for Greek (sorority and fraternity) ministry at USC. First of all, bible studies are starting in a large number of the houses. Our own Theta bible study had 21 girls discussing 2 Timothy. Since girls like to talk, we only made it through the first two verses. Regardless, it was wonderful to have a large number of new members-- and old members – excited about God's word.

We also had our first Greek Life meeting of the semester. Greek Life is a resource of Campus Crusade, a movement building Christian community among Greek Students. This week, the Lord brought 83 sorority and fraternity members—the most ever-- to hear two USC students, including my best friend, share their testimonies, socialize (not a huge stretch for Greek students), and discuss spiritual matters.

This week God was moving the masses on Greek row, but he was also radically working in a particular individual's heart. I will never forget sitting after bible study with my friend and sorority sister Amanda, as she prayed to receive Christ. Amanda transferred from LMU this semester and quickly became friends with a few girls from our bible study. From the beginning, it was apparent that she was seeking a relationship with God. On Tuesday, we were talking after bible study and God gave me the opportunity to present the Gospel to her. Do be honest, I hardly did anything; her eager heart was ready to hear the absolute truth of Christ's love for us.

Everything just sort-of clicked and she surrendered her life to our savior, Jesus Christ. I am so completely grateful that I was given the opportunity to witness this beautiful moment with her; I had yet to see someone put there faith in Christ. Shockingly, we were both, yet again, a wet mess of joyful tears. Although she may have an inkling, I don't think Amanda knows what an adventure her life is going to be from now on— but don't worry, I'll let her know. Praise God for Amanda and the Amazing Grace she has received.

After Dark

This Wednesday night, we'll be in Bovard Auditorium along with (hopefully) 1200 students for After Dark. This is an outreach event that is put on by Kanakuk Kamps at universities all over the US. Cru and some other organizations on campus are coming together to make it happen. We even managed to get funding from the university to cover our expenses...around $3,000!! The event includes 2 musical acts, Jon McLaughlin and Sho Baraka, as well as a dramatic gospel presentation by Joe White (founder of Kanakuk). This has the potential to be a life-changing event for many students. The goal is that each Christian student would invite 5 non-Christian friends to. However, we don't want it to be just an event. We want this to be just the beginning for students to begin talking to their friends about spiritual things. We hope that many of these students will have heard the gospel from their friends before they even come to hear Joe White speak. And we hope that those relationships will continue to deepen and point to them Christ. Though you may not get this until after the even, please be in prayer for the students that attend.

Paul & Trina

Praise and Prayer:

- Destino—we've had 3 bible study gatherings and several new faces!
- After Dark—pray for continuing conversations about the gospel
- We're coming to TX! We'll be visiting for Thanksgiving, spending a few days in Pilot Point and few days in Austin to raise more financial support. Pray for a successful trip. We hope to see you!

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