

SDSU

As you get this, we will have had our first couple weeks on campus at San Diego State. It has already been an interesting Fall and seems to be a stranger start than I can ever remember.

SDSU was recently voted as "the most degenerate student body" in the United States by Radar Magazine in their Sept issue. I'm sure some of this is directly related to the fact that 8 fraternities were part of a drug bust in the spring, but there are other reasons too which I experienced over the last two weeks.

We all know that college can be a crazy time, but I was on campus during move in day for freshmen with some of our students when we noticed what can only be described as a 'bikini off' between two of the sororities. Basically 60-80 girls from each house wearing bikinis with 'welcome to SDSU' signs jumping around across the street from each other. I just can't imagine driving my little freshman on campus to that sight, but I figured if they can be that bold, we should not have a problem being equally bold with sharing God's love.

Another event on the third day was a well publicized drag show open to all students to watch or participate. I can't remember ever hearing of such a thing, yet alone put on by the student government as part of the 'welcome to college week' activities.

The school itself has mandated a 'dry' first five...



Ice Cream Social at SDSU

meaning the first 5 weeks must not include any alcohol in fraternity or sorority events...which may be a step forward. But, there are still problems.

We have had some of the best conversations with people who are trying to find their footing in this environment. We gave our student leaders the goal of really getting into the lives of new people. Loving them where they are at. Not just inviting them to our events but being "Christ" to these students that God is putting around them in classes, neighbors, work, intramurals, wherever.

We are also focusing our energies on reaching out to students in the Greek system. They are influencers who have a big sway on campus...so, knowing if we can reach them we can change the culture, we are creatively figuring out ways to be insiders in that people group. We will be offering an ear to people who need to process life, helping with pledge training with talks about true community and helping to partner with houses on philanthropic events [so we can rub shoulders with and befriend people—to help open the door with opportunities to introduce them to Christ.

Pray God would continue to give us creativity and wisdom on campus and ***please pray for us as we boldly live out our faith to love these students and the campus as a whole.***

Random stuff

--Please pray for Wendy and our family as she has had some prickly, numbing feelings in her hands, arm and even face. We don't know if it's just a virus or something more significant. Please pray that doctors will diagnose the problem quickly.

--It was great to be at both the sending and receiving conferences for over 100 students who went on summer mission trips. I {kyle} was the emcee, and it is always fun for me to be a ham in front of people. Both Wendy and I were also asked to teach and coach teams who were going around the world.

-- Please don't forget to check out our website at:
www.kyleandwendy.com
We will do our best to keep the blog stuff updated so you can know and pray for current things in our lives and on campuses.

--Recently, Malia started 4th grade and Carter started 1st grade. It is crazy how fast life goes. Avery is in a great stage where her whole goal in life is to marry me when she 'grows up'. It just makes me want to melt.

--We love and appreciate you all and hope your end of summer has been great!

*In His grip,
Kyle, Wendy, Malia, Carter & Avery*