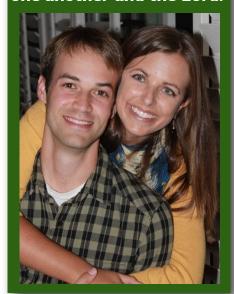
CHRISTMAS 2011

REAL LIFE SAN DIEGO

WITH CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

EXCITING LIFE UPDATE!

I'm overjoyed to share with you that I'M ENGAGED!!! Craig, my fiance :), and I met while I was interning with Cru in Boston. He was one of my best friends there and we continued to keep in touch after I moved back to San Diego. Last Spring we started dating and on November 11th he popped the big question! Of course, I said YES! I am so excited to marry him and feel so blessed by our relationship. Please pray for our time of engagement: that it would draw us closer to one another and the Lord.



MAEET MAIKE

Like most college freshmen, Mike came to college excited about being away from home and the freedom it brings. Raised in a Christian home, Mike assumed that he'd continue to follow God while "living it up" in college. In the beginning of the year, Mike Mike got involved with Real Life and also decided to rush TKE Fraternity. He was upfront about the fact that he wanted to walk the line in his faith and in the world. He would come to our weekly meetings and weekend socials, but leave early to go get drunk with his new frat brothers. Craig W. (not to be confused with Craig my fiance) is a Senior in Mike's fraternity and our guy's Greek Row bible study leader. Craig and Mike have had many conversations about greek life and spirituality. One night, Craig was very discouraged when Mike told him he was going to give up on this whole Christian thing. Mike said "it's just too hard to be in a fraternity and be a Christian. I still believe in Jesus and all the Bible teaches us, but I don't want to put in the effort it takes to follow Him". Weeks later, Mike went to Las Vegas with 19 other fraternity brothers. When he came back he called Craig and said "this weekend I saw how broken and empty their lives are. All they focus on is drinking and hooking up with girls. For the first time, I realized why we need Christ and why He challenges us to live differently. These guys are my friends and I want them to know Jesus. This weekend, I decided I want to live fully for Christ. I'm all in".

Praise God for Mike's change of heart this Fall!

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." (John 7:37-38).

Thank you for partnering with me to reach students, like Mike! I could not do this without you! Have a wonderful Christmas! Love, Courtney