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It's 8am on a Monday morning in San Luis Obispo, California on the campus of Cal Poly. The morning fog rolls in over the mountains along with a chilly ocean breeze off the coast. Hundreds of groggy-eyed students walk past each other barely noticing the world around them. Fall is definitely a time of transitions; leaves are falling, maybe soccer season is beginning for your family, and millions of college freshmen are living away from home for the first time. They face countless challenges from conquering Calculus to doing their own laundry. But every single freshman has one thing in common: each one is looking for a place they will feel loved and accepted. It's our hope and prayer that the 3,000 freshmen at Cal Poly will be reached with the love of Jesus Christ.









On Friday, September 18th we experienced the rush of handing out 2,700 Freshmen Survival Kits over the span of 4 hours. Wow, what a day! With an unstoppable force of over 100 upperclassmen students, we were able to gain the contact information for almost every freshman at Cal Poly! Two days later we met with all 80 of our Freshmen Bible Study leaders to pass along that info and coach those leaders on how to initiate with every student in their specific area of campus. Would you pray with me that every leader continues to trust the Lord to reach every student in their target area? These committed leaders really are the backbone of our ministry. The older students are the ones who are in the dorms and on the "front lines" of reaching Cal Poly. They are the ones who know what it takes to reach their classmates. Pray that these student leaders would continue to walk with God and desire to see this campus transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our next major event is Fall Retreat on October 16th to the 18th where we will gather hundreds of students for a weekend getaway with the purpose of meeting with God and hearing from His word. It is always a critical time where many students make major decisions about their futures, including to follow Jesus for the first time! Michael, a senior in our movement, said, "It's an amazing time of seeing the body of Christ come together and at a major crossroads for many." Pray that we would meet Jesus there and be deeply changed by His character. Also, pray that it would be strategic in building a movement on the campus of Cal Poly. Thank you for your prayers and support!

- ask Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of every student while at Fall Retreat
- pray that the Bible study I'm leading will become an authentic community
- continue asking God for wisdom about if I should lead a team this summer
- patience with becoming more like Christ
- physical health and rest