



Can you imagine spending a year in one of the most dangerous South American cities, San Salvador, in order to bring the gospel to a people in desperate need to know Jesus personally? Well, seven students are taking that risk! A team of students, mostly from Cal Poly, just moved to San Salvador to help raise up a movement on the campus of Matias, the "Harvard" of El Salvador. They have decided to set aside a year of their own ambitions, dreams, and careers to help fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28) by reaching lost college students who will influence their country in the years to come. Only 3% of families in El Salvador can afford to send their kids to Matias. These few privileged students are becoming the doctors, teachers, lawyers of a nation that is steeped in religious history yet still hurting for lasting change that only Jesus can offer.

ONLY! *3%* OF STUDENTS
IN **El Salvador** CAN
ATTEND MATIAS UNIVERSITY



I love it when God uses my past victories, struggles, and faith to encourage others. In the spring I met with Taylor, a student who was considering leading the STINT (Campus Crusade's **Short Term International**) team to El Salvador. He had so many questions and concerns about leading a team of peers to a foreign city to advance the gospel; things like, "What if the team doesn't get along?" and "What if I can't find a job when I come back?". Having spent a year in Slovakia on STINT three years ago, I was able to speak from my own experience and encourage Taylor to believe that God will provide through it all. Thankfully Taylor decided to lead the team to El Salvador! They just left two weeks ago and are hitting the ground running with the fall semester. **Please pray that Taylor and the team will cling to the cross of Christ and boldly proclaim the gospel to many hurting students.**

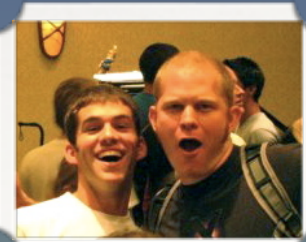
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The amazing part about being at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo is that, for many reasons unknown to me this side of heaven, God has decided to make our campus a sending ground to the world. We get to disciple and equip believers so that their walk with Jesus will overflow into others' lives. A special part of the past year was working with two students in particular, Josh and Stephen. They both have amazing hearts for the Lord and love to live life! Josh spent his summer in Santa Monica (LA area) on a summer project living in Biblical community and sharing the gospel every day. Stephen just graduated in June and is leading a STINT team to East Asia; we use the name East Asia because of security concerns.

THE GOSPEL MOVING WESTWARD

Our partnership in East Asia is an amazing opportunity to be a part of advancing the gospel globally for the ultimate return of Christ. Historically, the good news of redemption in Jesus Christ has always moved westward, sweeping through Europe and America, and now East Asia! *The vision that many natives in East Asia have is to take the gospel through Central Asia and the Middle East, and ultimately back to Jerusalem!* Our team will be taking language classes as university students and sharing the gospel with fellow students in the between time. Pray that God would blind eyes and deafen ears to protect them from being deported, which could happen at any moment. More to come!



Stephen (left) and Josh



East Asia STINT team
(Stephen in black shirt)

I've gotten mostly settled into my house in SLO and look forward to the start of our fall planning after the Labor day weekend. Our goal, like every fall, is to get in contact with roughly 3,000 freshmen and give them the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel. We have over 100 new Bible study leaders who will be joining us while we seek the Lord to change our campus from the inside out! **PLEASE pray for energy, wisdom, and being Spirit-led in the weeks to come as we take on this gigantic task.**

break from the long drive down to CA



Laura has just moved into her house in Santa Barbara and we are thankful that she is much closer now, only a 1.5 hour drive from SLO! She will also start on campus in a few days at UC Santa Barbara. Pray for Laura as she is far away from home in Portland and has to learn a new culture in central California. Also, pray for wisdom as we consider how to move forward in our relationship.

Thanks for your prayers and support! -Matt

PRAY FOR THE MISSION

- letting the grace of God sink deeper & intimacy with Him
- unity and Spirit-filled decisions about the movement here
- 3,000 freshmen will know someone who walks with Jesus

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