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Hello from Davis once again, we hope you are doing well. Sometimes we really miss all we left behind in Southern California, but we do not regret for one minute where God has brought us to do His work. This last year has felt somewhat turbulent as we have seen a lot of ups and downs. We are growing as we continue to invest in ministry in the Latino community and God is giving us great joy and fulfillment in ministry and family. Here is a quick glimpse of how this can play out daily...



It was proving to be a difficult day. As I shared my faith on the campus with Al, one of the students from our movement, we found we were talking to student after student without result. The amazing part about it is that over the course of this quarter, we'd become accustomed to seeing people receive Christ. It seemed like every time we went out to share our faith there was at least one person who wanted to hear the Gospel. You see a total of 11 students have come to faith in Christ this quarter. Their identities have ranged from lab partners, to exchange students, to freshman in the dorms. Yet this time, it seemed like nothing was happening as we shared our faith and if that had been how we were to end the day we would have been happy just to have been out and faithful to do our part, leaving the results to God, but then we met Jonathan.

I could see he had a horribly hard heart. His demeanor was of someone who was miserable and angry at the world. When we finished talking to him about his spiritual interests and background, we were about to say thank you and be on our way when he started questioning our integrity and then continued by insulting us and it only got worse from there. Knowing that nothing good could come from sitting there and taking in such animosity, I thanked him for his time and excused myself. I went to shake his hand and he refused to shake mine. I wondered what could cause such hatred and disdain from an individual. Accustomed to much more politeness from people we shared with, we left very much disappointed with how the day had gone.

It was near the end of our sharing time, so Al and I discussed what we had seen that day. As we were discussing this by the campus flagpole, I noticed a guy listening in. It turned out his name was Stephen and he had come from a partially church background but he didn't know what it all meant. He said he wished he would meet someone who would explain Christianity to him, so we offered to share the Gospel with him and he agreed. I had never seen someone so fully understand the principles of the Gospel as I explained them to him. I asked him if he wanted to receive Christ now but he said no. When I asked him why, it turned out, that even though he wanted Christ and wanted Christ at the center of his life, he was not ready. He was still counting the costs of believing and I believe he had to give it some more thought. I realize now that this was the person whom God had wanted us to talk to all along. He was searching and he left understanding the Gospel and equipped to receive Jesus when he was ready; but without all the unfruitful experiences we had before meeting him, we would never have been talking about our bad day at the flagpole and we would never have met Stephen and been there to meet his deep spiritual need. We wish we had more space to tell you all God has been doing this last year, but we are writing for a different reason.

As you may already know, we were assigned to travel to Campus Crusade's Institute of Biblical Studies (IBS) this summer to complete four of the eleven courses we must complete in our 1st seven years on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ. We use the Scriptures every day in ministry, whether we are proclaiming the life-changing message of the gospel to students like Stephen or helping ground students like Al in the truth of God's Word. The purpose of IBS is to provide us with a growing biblical and theological foundation for a lifetime of ministry.

We want you to know we couldn't do what we do without the partnership of people like you, praying for us. Thank you so much for your partnership in our ministry. It is a privilege to be teamed up with people like you, as together we seek to help reach people for Christ. We believe that your investment of prayer will pay off in many coming to Christ.

Please pray for us as the next few weeks will be full of activity as we prepare for this trip, travel to Florida, and begin fundraising for this trip as well as for our ministry here in the Sacramento area next year as our family expands in the fall. Please join us by praying that God would quickly provide for our support needs so we can minister undistracted on campus in the fall. Thanks again for all you mean to us and the part you play in our ministry. Your friendship and prayers are greatly treasured. Once again, we couldn't do what we do without you.

Serving Christ with You,

Ken and Amy