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## Greetings from Sunny Davis!

We hope things are going well in your neck of the woods. For us it's been an unusual spring as this last week we've gone from setting record high temps to pulling out our sweaters once again. We're still getting used to the more extreme changes of season you get when you don't live in Southern California. We wish we could connect with you more, but this time of year is crazy on campus. Right now we are preparing for an even crazier summer which brings us to why we are writing.



As you may already know, we were challenged and committed to staffing an in country summer mission project in the second most populated city in the United States, Los Angeles. There are seven students traveling with us from the Sacramento area and over sixty joining us from other universities across the United States. Our mission this summer is to strategically launch ministries in a city of influence, so that the effects of our summer will have an impact far beyond the summer & city itself.

We recently heard this quote, "If anything, the city is even more influential now than it has been in the past. During the last 20 years we see increasingly... that the young and the global citizens/influencers want to live in cities... Over a third of the world's population lives in cities. Soon, that will increase to over half of the world's population."

Why Los Angeles in particular? With a population of nearly 4 million it is nearly the largest city in the U.S., it's second only to New York. LA house's the epicenter of the motion picture industry, is driven by the 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world, and is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the world. It arguably influences the world as much as, if not more than, any other city on earth. Not all of that influence is positive. As a matter of fact, much of it is ungodly. Thus with great influence comes a deep need for Gospel truth. As the gospel changes hearts in Los Angeles, it impacts hearts worldwide. We have a big amazing God and we know we will see amazing things happen this summer. We are excited to be part of what God will do in LA through our mission project team!

After our summer in Los Angeles, we will be traveling to Colorado State University for our National Staff Conference. The missionary staff of Campus Crusade for Christ gathers at CSU biannually for training, to gain vision and direction, and to meet with the Lord. These endeavors, however, cannot be done alone.

Would you support us this summer by committing to pray regularly for our family as we lead this mission project & attend our summer training in Colorado? Specifically pray for God to provide for us as we maintain two household for two straight months, that we would have safe travels, and that we would be filled with the Spirit in all that we do. We begin serving in LA in June and should not return home until August. It's going to be a long time away from home for the girls, but we are trusting God to accomplish mighty things for His kingdom through us.

We wish it were possible to visit with you personally to share all about our summer ministry this year, but we hope this letter gives you a good idea of what we will be doing. Please email us any prayer requests you have too so that we can pray for you this summer as well. Your friendship is greatly treasured. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Serving Christ with You,  
Ken & Amy Rustrum

Matthew 5:14,16- "You are the light of the World. A CITY on a hill cannot be hidden...  
...let your light shine before men so that they may praise your Father in heaven."