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Dear Friends,

As we look upon the past year it has been an incredible trip. We are amazed by how one person's relationship with God can influence so many. You may remember Alex, we have written about him in previous letters. Last fall, you may recall, Alex was considering praying to receive Christ after Ken had shared the Gospel with him. Alex did, in fact, pray to receive Christ, but shortly after he ran into some trouble. Alex and his two roommates were messing around near the dorms during fall quarter finals. They were bored and decided to put dry ice and water into a water bottle and watch it burst. The chemical reaction usually makes the bottle burst like a balloon. After doing this Alex, his roommate Eduardo or "Yayo", and a third roommate were arrested by the Davis police and charged with possession of explosives and conspiracy to use them! Because they were arrested on a Friday night, they sat in the Davis jail all weekend and could not be arraigned until the following Monday.

Over the weekend, Alex & Yayo prayed to God together continually to get them out of the mess they found themselves in. It was a time of dedication to Christ for Alex, a time of rededication for Yayo (who already was a Christian), and because of their witness over the weekend, the third jailed roommate and Yayo's dad prayed to receive Christ. When Monday came, the judge reduced their charges to minor misdemeanors saying that they were grossly overcharged for their actions. Alex and Yayo are now a regular part of Destino.

The influence Alex's new walk with God has had on others goes on from there. One of their friends, Denise, started coming to the group with them. Denise is a pastor's kid and continually looks to be used by God. She invites friends to come with her to the group all the time. First she invited Maggie to come, then Erika. Erika has really grown in the group and has rededicated her life to Christ this year. Eventually, Denise, Erika, and Maggie, together formed their own Bible Study in their dorm building, inviting the women of the building to come investigate the claims of Christ.

It was during the "I Found it Too!" campaign last spring that some of our students gained a tremendous heart to share the Gospel. Erika began sharing her faith for the first time during this week and it wasn't long before she shared her faith with her roommate Iliana. Iliana carefully weighed the decision to receive Christ but did not pray to receive Him at that time. But, intrigued about the claims of Christ, she began to attend Destino regularly with her friends.

It wasn't until this school year that Iliana was approached about believing on Christ again. Iliana questioned Ken after he gave a talk at Destino early this quarter. During their conversation Ken asked Iliana if she had prayed to receive Christ yet and she said she hadn't. Sensing her readiness, he asked her if she wanted to and she said she did. Right there, she gave her heart to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! It truly is amazing how one person coming to Christ has led to so much. From relationship to relationship, as people have reached out to each other, it has resulted in much surrender to the Lord and rededication of lives. Our God is an awesome God!

It is because of students like these that we have committed our lives to sharing the life-changing message of Christ with college students. God is at work, drawing students to Himself and transforming a generation of future leaders. **Thank you for the part you have played to help us reach students like Alex and Iliana!**

Warmly in Christ,

Ken & Amy