

MISSIONS FOCUS

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

Derek & Chelsea Jung InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Northern California/South Oregon College Campuses

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (Northern CA, Southern OR) – Derek and Chelsea Jung took 17 students from NorCal and 5 staff to Mark Camp at Catalina Island during Spring Break. The breakdown was: 3 non-Christian students, 4 Latinas, 3 Community College students, and 5 first generation college students.

A participant who is not yet a believer was deeply impacted by the story of Jesus healing the paralytic. He said "When Jesus says 'son, your sins are forgiven', I felt really peaceful like I've never felt before." This student is now regularly attending worship events and a local church as he asks questions. He told Derek recently that he could see himself committing to Jesus and being baptized this summer! Pray for God to continue moving in his heart.

Derek shares that the favorite moment at Mark Camp was praying for 1 hour straight on the last night as a whole group. It was 9:30pm and we hadn't started even our last scripture session. The spiritual enthusiasm in the room was palpable! Students came alive with curiosity and wonder as we spent 8 hours/day studying the Gospel of Mark! A hunger for God's Word is being inspired in Gen Z. Pray for us and our teams as we discern God's leading as to New Student Outreach for the fall.

Two newsletters since June 2023 follow

Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, countries and people locally and globally!



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EVERY CORNER, EVERY CAMPUS

NEW FAITH, NEW FRUIT

OCTOBER 2023



Shasta College and COS had a combo fall retreat in Mount Shasta. 15 students gathered together to learn about the good gift of the Gospel, worship together, serve a local ministry house, and bond through fun adventures.

3 students came to faith that weekend! One student (Landace) grew up mormon, and is in his first year at the dorms. A dorm mate and student leader, Lorraine, invited him to church, bible study and any opportunity to have faith conversations. At fall retreat he vulnerably shared about how he has finally found the community and the Jesus he has been looking for.

Another student (Cheyanne) dabbled in greek mythology and witchcraft, viewing God through the lens of her own trauma and neglect. Kalia (COS staff) has been witnessing to her on and off since January. In August the Lord started drawing Cheyanne into a place of openness and longing for real healing. At fall retreat she told student leader Sinai that she signed up for the retreat to figure out if Jesus is the real deal. At the end of the retreat after diving deep into the Gospel and how Jesus is radically different from all other faiths and religions, she declared that she wanted to follow Jesus!

AT SHASTA/ COS FALL RETREAT:

- 15 NEW STUDENTS ATTENDED
- 3 STUDENTS CAME TO FAITH
- STUDENTS COMMITTED TO SHARING THE GOSPEL ON CAMPUS





A SURGE OF STUDENTS

This fall semester Shasta College saw a flood of new students pour into bible study! The first bible study appeared to be a class with the 21 students eagerly waiting to study scripture! Since then Shasta has launched a second bible study, brought on another new student leader and seen 2 students come to faith. Alexandria and Chelsea are learning new rhythms with the changing of the season at Shasta College. After a couple of years of low enrollment, they are now investing in 30-40 students every week.

SCRIPTURE DIG-IN CONFERENCE

November 3rd-5th we are having an area-wide stuent conference where students are going to deep-dive into the life of Joseph! With all of the new students, fresh faith and hunger for community, we are thrilled to gather students together for this conference!

After much difficulty finding a site central to our area, the Lord made a way for us to utilize an amazing venue. The CEO of the conference center even went on our behalf to the board of directors to advocate for a lower rate so we could attend.

Our goal is to raise an additional \$3000 in order to lower the student rate to \$75. This would allow more students to be able to join in on this communally transformative experience.

WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER GIVING TOWARDS THIS GOAL?

Scholarship a Student

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"I'm 100% in with Jesus"

This Summer, one of our non-Christian students gave his life to Jesus! Skyler was a rambunctious student that we met in March. He came to a worship night and his curiosity was peaked. A skeptical atheist, Skyler joined us at Catalina and experienced the power of God's word. After, spring break, he committed to going to church regularly. At a Summer Fellowship event, he told Derek, "I'm 100% in with Jesus. I've read Mark, Genesis, and John. I have never experienced peace like this in my whole life until I met Jesus!

These celebratory stories inspire us as we plan, pray, and prepare for our 8th Fall Outreach as campus ministers. **The countdown begins to August 14th!** We are so grateful for what God is doing and for ministry partners like yourself who make our ministry possible. Thank you!



Skyler (with glasses) and other students on the way to Mark Camp @ Catalina



Honoring some of our seniors who graduated in May! What a joy to walk with them and send them into life and workplace as deeply rooted witnesses of God's glory.

This last year our ministry:

- developed 18 student leaders
- Hosted 6 small groups
- Directed 3 catalytic conferences/retreats
- Partnered to host 20+ Community Dinners
- Led 7 students to make decisions for Jesus
- ministered to 97 regularly-attending students



Join us next week for our area wide prayer call! You will learn what IV is up to in NorCal and Souther Oregon and spend time praying with us for the new year. (email us if you would like to RSVP or have questions)









Help us get items for our ministry wish-list by giving a one time tax-deductible gift:

- 1. 1 coffee meet up with new student \$10
- Travel miles during August outreach (Mt Shasta, Ashland, Klamath Falls): \$350
- 3. Pop Darts game \$40
- 4. Corn hole set \$70
- 5. Small dry erase board for on-campus Bible Study 5x \$65
- 6. Pop up canopy \$100
- 7. Asian American snacks for outreach \$30

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Prayer Requests

• For New Student Outreach:

- o Collectively reach 1,000 new students
- Good soil for planting new Asian American, Black, and Athletes ministries. There are demographics and corners of campus that we long to see reached by Jesus.
- o For "yes's" to follow Jesus and belong in Christian Community.

• For Shasta & Simpson:

- Alexandria as she prepares with her student leaders to meet new students.
- Returning students who are pressing into discipleship

• For COS:

- For Kalia and she find creative ways to meet students on campus because enrollment is quite low.
- o For Kalia to find new student leaders who want to reach their peers.

• For OIT:

- Bram and Nancy our volunteers that they would be bold and dedicated in their ministry and outreach.
- They are balancing a lot of transition post-graduation and want to figure out how to lead the Oregon Tech ministry while working full time.

· For our family:

o health and protection from sickness

travel

quality time balance

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