

Campus Crusade for Christ at USC

Trusting God to turn lost students into Christ centered laborers

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PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's 2008 and time keeps on ticking as I'm half way through my fourth year directing at USC. Every school year thus far has been so different, but this one has brought with it the most change as I have an entirely new staff team. In this prayer letter I would like to introduce you to my new team, share some highlights from the semester, share how you can be praying for us as a team, and make known some of my personal and ministry needs as we kick off 2008.

Meet our staff

When the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians about being content in every situation I'm sure he had faced many more ups and downs than I have, but after a busy year of running the USC ministry with a staff team of three, I now have a sense of what it means to live in want. Jesus said to pray for laborers...so we did, and he answered... with 7 new staff! Let me introduce them to you; (from left to right) Tony & Steph Wee, Laura Reynolds, Carrie Sarver, Me, Paul & Trina Litwin, and Matt Swaney. Here are a few semester highlights from my new team.



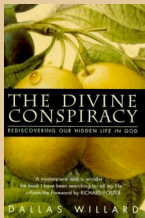
Laura - This fall my role has been to shepherd and encourage the staff women on our team. I meet with them each week, encouraging their ministry, and walking along side them. I also meet with 3 student leaders, training them in evangelism and discipleship, but I often think that they train me! It is refreshing to work with such committed students, who are leaders, and who have a heart to reach their campus. But probably the highlight for me this semester has been the freshmen girls bible study that I co-lead. It has been a joy watching these girls grow in their walks with God. Each week we challenge them to share what they are learning in Bible study with a friend. And they actually do! Our prayer is that they will continue to develop in this area throughout the rest of the year.

Steph - A few weeks ago Laura and I met a senior Asian American student. We dialogued about her background and it appeared she was a Christian and wanted to know more about an Asian American ministry my husband and I are starting. We started meeting to go over new believer follow-up, and on the first meeting we had, I learned she really did not know Christ personally. I had the opportunity to share the real gospel message - one full of grace and not duty as she was led to believe. Today was our second appointment and we were able to discuss further what the heart of the gospel was. Finally after an hour of talking out her fears and her inability to see salvation as a free gift, she admitted she wanted Jesus in her life and prayed to receive Him in the USC Commons! It's so clear that God wants to move in the hearts of students.

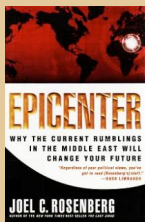
Greg - This year kicked off with a bang as our two staff couples got married on August 18th and reported to campus a week later thanks to a generous donor who was committed to seeing our staff team together for the fall. My role changed pretty drastically as I went from what felt like doing lots of ministry to leading seven staff who are doing lots of ministry. I love my team and we are truly of the same heart, at the same time we are so different. ☺ It takes a lot of my energy leading a team from all parts of the country with all sorts of gifts and Campus Crusade ministry experiences. I love it though. Towards the end of the semester God started opening up doors in the fraternities of USC. Not only is there a growing spiritual interest, but I've been asked to lead a weekly Bible study in the Lambda Chi house this coming semester. I'm excited for what God has in store as I take these guys through the book of John.

Recommendations

Books

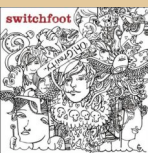


The Divine Conspiracy
Dallas Willard

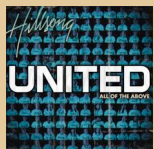


Epicenter:
Why The Current Rumbles in the Middle East Will Change Your Future
Joel Rosenberg

Music



Switchfoot
Oh! Gravity.



Hillsong United
All Of The Above

Web Sites

www.USCCru.com

bible.crosswalk.com

www.joelrosenberg.com

www.christianitytoday.com

games.asobrain.com

Prayer Requests

- Pray that we would have a unified and healthy staff team. This is huge! As we run together towards the Great Commission ministry is going to happen. Satan would love to stop that by bringing division. Pray that in the Lord we would be one.
- Pray that I would have wisdom as a leader. Wisdom to lead our staff and students and a right mind to discern the Lord's vision and calling.
- Pray for my relationships. Two of my dearest friends are in Tokyo for the year. Pray that I wouldn't succumb to loneliness and would experience depth with those around me.
- Pray for our STint team in Tokyo, Japan. Jon & Kristen Whitmore (my staff from last year) and 3 of our recent graduates are there for the year spreading the Gospel.
- Pray against spiritual attack. Being in ministry makes it apparent that our battle is not against flesh and blood but against the powers of darkness. Pray that we would fight this battle well and see Christ have the victory.
- Pray for students to come to Christ. If I could see one thing happen this semester that would be it! Pray specifically for the guys in the Lambda Chi house.



Current Needs

Personal

In the past few years I have faithfully raised funds for the USC ministry and helped our staff to get to full support. Lately though I have been convicted of neglecting my own financial support. I've been reminded of Jesus' words, "You do not have because you do not ask."

My goal is to be back at full support by the end of the summer, but my hope is that it would start now through people who are able to join my team and current partners who are in a position to increase their monthly giving.

Need: \$1,100/mo or \$13,200/yr

Ministry

(our basic and immediate needs)

\$2,000 – office rent for the next 6 months

\$3,000 – operating budget for Spring events, and materials

\$2,000 – outreach/evangelism budget

\$1,500 – conference scholarships

All gifts made out to Campus Crusade are tax-deductible and can be sent to me at:

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So here we go...another spring semester, and guess what, it's you guys that make it all possible. Thank you so much! It's your financial giving that makes it possible, and it's your prayers that get it done. Please continue to pray for my team, the USC campus, and me. I truly desire to see God do that which only He can: transform lives, a campus, a culture, even a city, a country or the world. Pray that I would continue to run hard and run strong towards Christ. Yours for reaching USC.

Greg