

# Campus Crusade for Christ at USC

Turning lost students into Christ centered laborers

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## WHAT GOD IS DOING AT USC

**How do you measure success?** So much happens during a semester at USC. There are so many ministry opportunities, so many relationships, and so many potential distractions. In the midst of all this it is essential to stay focused on what God has called you to. I am pleased to say that this fall has been one of the most encouraging semesters that I've had at USC. I would love to share with you what God has been doing in the context of how we measure success in Campus Crusade for Christ, our 5 missional objectives.

### 1. Changed Lives – This email from a young believer is one example of how God is working at USC

Greg, I am e-mailing you to share that I just had the most incredible and encouraging hour with the Lord. I woke up this morning feeling discontent and unsure about God's role in my life, and his existence, but I decided this time to not run away and really spend some time praying. I prayed with Him for about 20 minutes and really felt Him speak to me and reveal things that I never would have been able to know about myself. He then directed me to really understand Christ's role in my life. I realized that I never was really giving myself to Christ. I was reading the Bible and seeing what God had to say, and then trying to change myself to reach God's standards. I was completely oblivious to the fact that I don't have the power to change myself. I realize that I have to have faith in God that He will change me and not try to "control" the change but instead to rejoice in it. Instead I should focus my time on knowing Him and worshipping Him so that I'll always be close to Him and therefore He'll always be working on me...essentially I should let Him direct my growth and change and not focus on asking Him to grow me in areas that I want, but what He wants.

Anyways I am just so stoked on the Lord right now. I now know that to know Him I should just spend as much time as possible worshipping Christ and reading God's word. As I grow closer to Him I'll see his desires for me start to manifest. I shouldn't want to control the change. I really want to make my biggest goal in my life right now just knowing and celebrating in Him so He can lead me down the path to grow me into a Christ-centered Man so I can influence the world not for my own needs, but for His.

In Jesus,  
James

### 2. Gospel Experiences – Students are hearing, understanding, and experiencing Gospel truth

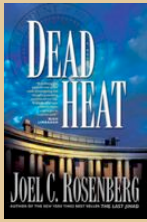
On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1,100 students packed out USC's Bovard Auditorium to hear a riveting performance by speaker Joe White and a musical performance by artist Jon McLaughlin. All of this was the result of 2 months of work by our student leaders in partnership with other Christian groups on campus. That night Joe clearly shared the Gospel as he performed a skit as a Roman cross builder. It was quite powerful. By the end of the night 39 students had indicated decisions for Christ and over 200 recommitted their life to him. Here are a few of their comments:

*Since I've come to college I've let my faith slip. Lately I feel like I have faltered and let God down. Tonight I remembered how much He wants me back and how empty my life has been without him. Thank you so much for bringing me back to the place I needed to be. I really appreciate your dedication to not only God, but to us lost children by sharing His love. Thank you so much for tonight. Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

*I have come to hate my father and I have stopped thinking about God. I came tonight for the music, but I feel my heart has been opened again. Thank you. I want to come back to the faith I was raised with... but I felt like it left me. I cried tonight because of my hate. I want that to go away. I want to learn to forgive my father for how he has made my mom, brother, sister, and me feel. Thank you for helping to open my heart.*

## Recommendations

### Books



Dead Heat  
Joel C.  
Rosenberg



The Shack  
William P.  
Young

### Music



Jon  
McLaughlin  
Ok Now



Blind Pilot  
3 Rounds  
and a Sound

## Announcement

### I'm an uncle!!!

On October 16<sup>th</sup> my sister gave birth to 9lb. 15oz Bria Marie Bartke. She's an absolute cutie and both mom and dad are doing great.



My new niece Bria

## 3. Christ-Centered Laborers – Students are involved in disciple making

God has been at work in the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority house that last few years raising up an army of godly women. Currently they have a house Bible study that as many as 20 women attend. What's most exciting though is how these women are spiritually investing their lives into the lives of other Thetas. Two years ago Casey Hogue saw God use her to lead Casey Patrick to Christ. Both of these girls have grown tremendously and recently Casey Patrick saw God use her to lead Amanda (another Theta) to Christ. I'm excited to see what else God does in and through these women.



Casey Hogue and  
Casey Patrick

## 4. Missional Teams – Student led movements are reaching others for Christ



**Greek Life**  
Turning lost greek  
students into Christ  
centered laborers  
[greeklifeusc.com](http://greeklifeusc.com)



**Epic**  
Reaching Asian  
American students  
at USC  
[epicmovement.com](http://epicmovement.com)



**The Destino  
Movement**  
Reaching Latino  
students at USC  
[destinomovement.com](http://destinomovement.com)



**Tokyo STINT**  
Reaching Japanese  
students in Tokyo  
[campus.japanccc.org](http://campus.japanccc.org)

## 5. Christ-Like Leadership – A growing leadership culture in Cru at USC

This fall I had the privilege of planning a regional conference for 150 juniors and seniors preparing for life after college. It was 2 months of work, but it was so satisfying to see students committed to serving Christ in ministry and in the marketplace. Attending with us was 10 of our top student leaders from USC. These students are one of the best things about what I do. I am so fortunate to serve along side young people with such a heart for God. Some of them have even decided to join us next year!



## A special note to my friends and supporters in the midst of tough economic times...

Your partnership with me has meant so much in so many ways. In this time of economic turmoil and uncertainty, I desire to come alongside you in prayer.

Those of us in ministry have been talking with many of our trusted partners; they have shared with us how they are experiencing financial uncertainty, losing savings, homes, or jobs. So I want you to know that whatever you may be going through, we here at Campus Crusade for Christ care for you and desire to support you in prayer. I would be honored to pray specifically for whatever particular needs you might have.

If you have particular prayer needs that you would like to share please email me at the address listed atop this newsletter. You can know that your requests will be kept confidential.

As the Apostle Paul writes in a time of personal distress, "For I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance." (Phil 1:19)

May you know, through the Spirit of God that all will indeed turn out for His glory and good. Have a blessed Christmas and a hope filled New Year.

Greg