

Campus Crusade for Christ at USC

Turning lost students into Christ centered laborers

Greg Triplett

Campus Director
Campus Crusade for Christ at USC
310-922-1523
Greg.Triplett@uscm.org

May 1 09

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS AT USC

“You will see less happen in 1 year than you ever hoped...more in 5 years than you ever dreamed.” This quote is by Jim Sylvester, former Campus Crusade for Christ Director at the Ohio State University. Jim had many fruitful years of ministry with Cru and is someone I've looked up to (Jim led the summer project I went on as a student). After 5 years at USC I can say that he was right, each year just keeps getting better and better. Over the past 5 years many things have happened to bring us to where we are today. I would like to celebrate with you by sharing some year 5 highlights as well as some prayer requests for the year to come...



Some of our senior men at this year's Fall Retreat

Seniors

Highlights:

Year after year our senior class continues to raise the bar for leadership, commitment, and what it means to be a Christ-centered laborer. I count it an ever increasing blessing to work with such amazing men of God that have walked with Him during their senior year of college and have invested their lives in the next generation of USC men.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for our seniors trusting & growing in Christ as they transition to life after college
- For our juniors as they transition to their senior year and prepare to grow the Christ-like culture in Cru

Verse:

Hebrews 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Student Evangelism

Highlights:

There is a growing excitement, passion, and boldness for making Christ known at USC. Students are leading this charge and are leading more of their peers to Christ than the staff are!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Lord softening students hearts and opening doors for the Gospel
- Leading students into the Kingdom and growing them in Christ takes time. Pray against busyness and distraction.

Verse:

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.



Ashley (left) learns to share the Gospel on our Spring Break trip to the UK



Our 2009 Tokyo summer project led by Gen Nakamura and Heather Brainerd (both USC alumni, Cru interns and members of the '07 Tokyo team I led)

Spring Break & Summer Projects

Highlights:

Students are counting the cost and giving God their lives. Over 30 staff and students took advantage of missions opportunities over Spring Break and serving Christ on summer projects is becoming the norm. Better yet, students are recruiting each other to missions opportunities.

Prayer Requests:

- For Gen and Heather who are currently leading a team of 15 students in Tokyo, Japan
- A continued and growing impact for Christ in our partnership city of Tokyo

Verse:

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

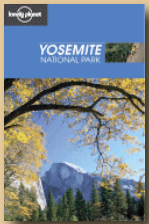
Recommendations

Books



Whiter than Snow: Meditations on Sin and Mercy

Paul Tripp



Yosemite National Park

Lonely Planet

Music



WOW Worship Red

Various Artists



Sea Sew

Lisa Hannigan

Sent Laborers

Highlights:

This summer we will have 2 USC alums join staff with Campus Crusade for Christ...the first in 8 years! The number of USC interns also continues to grow. Regionally we have 25+ staff joining us this summer, something I prayed for back in the fall.

Prayer Requests:

- o Satan would love to discourage anyone going into full-time ministry. Pray for protection for our recent graduates that are joining us.
- o I believe that every missionary from the Trojan family should be fully funded. Pray for our new staff and interns that are doing Ministry Partner Development this summer.

Verse:

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"



(Starting bottom-left going clockwise)
Christina '07 – Joining staff
Casey '09 – Joining staff
Heather '09 – Interning @ USC
Joe '09 – Interning w/ regional team
Christina '10 – future intern/staff

Staff Team

Highlights:

After a tough transition last year we really blossomed and jelled as a team this year. Not only have we grown in maturity and effectiveness, but our team is going through relatively little transition from this year to next. Good things lie ahead!

Prayer Requests:

- o For unity, vision, and great faith to pursue what the Lord has in store for us in the year to come
- o Laura is transitioning from our team to help lead the Cru movement at CSU Fullerton. Pray for her as she steps onto a new campus and into a new role.

Verse:

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.



Once again our fearless staff team (from left to right) Laura, Paul, Trina, Me, Matt, and Gen. Heather will join us next year and we anticipate 1-3 new staff being placed at USC as well.



Me standing next to the lamppost in Oxford that inspired the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

A few of the things I've learned over the past 5 years...

One of the big reasons that each year keeps getting better and better is that I keep growing as a leader. I've learned so much about spiritual leadership, casting vision, coaching, encouraging a team, staying focused on our mission, how much I need others, and a myriad of other things including my own character growth.

I was at our Greek Conference in Indianapolis this year when one of the speakers defined integrity in a way that really stuck out to me. He defined it as, "The ability to take greater responsibility upon your shoulders, and not move." I desire this for my future at USC...to grow in integrity, to take on greater responsibility as the Lord entrusts it, and to "not move" until He clearly calls me elsewhere.

None of this can be done though in my own strength and if you would pray anything for me, pray for brokenness, humility, and an ever-increasing dependence on the Lord. Five years will teach you a lot, including just how little you know and how much growth still lies ahead. I can't wait.

Thank you so much for investing in eternity these last 5 years, for investing in the lives of college students and the proclamation of the Gospel, but thank you also for investing in me.

Greg