

Campus Crusade for Christ at USC

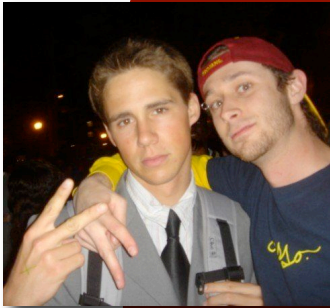
Trusting God to turn lost students into Christ centered laborers.

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Changed Lives: What God is doing at SC



Chase and Michael

Michael:

It's just like God to take the toughest of situations and use it to bring about true transformation in a person's life.

Last semester when we lost Chase to a skateboard accident it had a profound impact on the lives of those he had so selflessly loved. Michael, a senior Music Industry major was among those deeply impacted. Caught up in the world of sex, drugs, and rock and roll it wasn't uncommon after a night of partying for him to take a hit of cocaine just to sober him up for the drive home.

Around this time, Doug, Parker, and a few of the other guys in our movement came along side of Michael to show him the love of Christ. In brokenness and humility Michael realized his need for a savior and surrendered his life to Christ.

I got to know Michael earlier this semester when he came to me looking for advice on how he could share Christ with his cousin. More recently we have had the chance to meet weekly for "Life Concepts", a new believer follow-up series. As we talked about moving from feelings of unworthiness to forgiveness tears welled up in his eyes when the reality of Romans 5:8 hit him, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

God has been growing Michael, freeing him from sin, and using him in the lives of his family and friends. The weightiness of his past and fleshly temptations are still a reality, but he is learning every day that God is greater.

Elizabeth:

It's not and uncommon story. A student coming from a Christian background finds themselves at college, embraces their newfound freedom, gets involved in the party scene, and places God out of the picture. But more compelling still are the simple realities that Jesus is better, and that you can trust him.

Elizabeth, a sophomore in the $\Delta\Delta\Delta$ sorority was caught up in the party scene looking to escape some of the hurt associated with her family, relationships, and hoping to find connection that would serve to fill the void. Things changed at the beginning of this semester when her sorority sister Elyse began bringing her to our weekly Cru meeting.

God began to change Elizabeth's heart and bring her back to Him. At our Spring Retreat in San Luis Obispo she opened up about her struggle to freely worship God and cried as she told me about the hurt in her relationship with her father. By Sunday night her eyes were filled with new tears, tears of release as she opened her heart to the Lord and began to trust Him for healing.

Praise God for the difference he is making in student's lives!!!



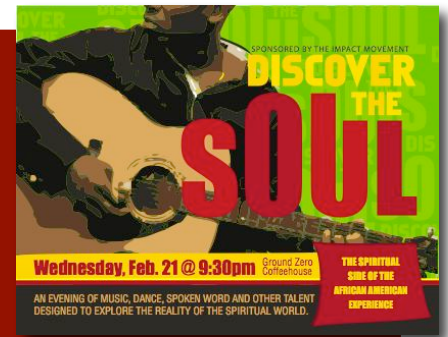
Movements Everywhere

Pause for a moment and imagine a USC where, "Every student knows someone who truly follows Jesus Christ." This is the idea behind "movements everywhere", African Americans, international students, Latinos, engineers, musicians, actors, greeks etc. all exposed to Christians who are sold out for Jesus Christ.

Last year fellow staff member Jon Whitmore felt God calling him to start an Impact Movement to "Empower emerging African American leaders to impact the world for Christ". After a year of building relationships and attending an Impact conference in Atlanta over Christmas break with his wife Kristen, Jon returned to campus to see God provide an Impact leadership team of 8 students.

Last month the team put together an event called "Discover the Soul" to expose students to the Gospel and increase awareness of the Impact Movement through a night of music, poetry, and dance. Over 100 students from the African American community showed up, God showed up, and I must say it was one of the most incredible things I've been a part of!

Movements can reach into any community. This is a picture of our monthly "Greek Life" meeting. A growing student led movement geared towards reaching students in the fraternity and sorority system at USC.



Updates:

I ran the LA Marathon!

4:55 wasn't the time I had hoped for, but it was an amazing 1st time experience.

USC beat UCLA 5-0 in the 3rd Annual Cru Broomball Classic

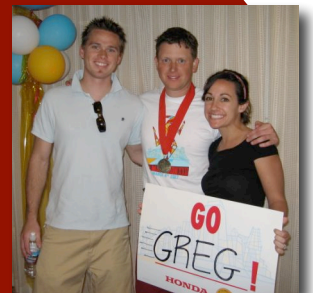
This social was a semester highlight as our students stepped it up to beat the Bruins.

Our office rent is paid through August

Thanks to your generous support our rent is paid for and our operating account is healthy.

I'm going back to Tokyo this summer

I'll be leading another 6-week trip with 17 students (10 of which are from SC).



Prayer Requests:

- For our students to remain strong in Christ and not fall away from the faith.
- For us to end our year strong: continuing to reach out to SC students, thanking our seniors and equipping them for life after college, preparing our next generation of leaders, and commissioning all of our students to impact their world for Christ this summer.
- For our staff team. We'll have anywhere from 3 to 9 staff next year depending on the placement of some newly married couples and interns. Please pray for God to grow our team as we trust Him to grow our ministry.



Thank you so much for the integral part you play in reaching SC students for Christ. As my third year directing the ministry is coming to a close I am still confident that the best is yet to come and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store.

Greg