



MISSIONS FOCUS

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

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, The Jungs

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (Northern CA, Southern OR) – Derek and Chelsea Jung share the following update. At Shasta College, we have been praying for an increase in students. The pandemic and a sharp drop in enrollment the past couple of years resulted in sparse student involvement. This past Fall, we saw the Lord answer our prayers with over 40 student participants and eight students becoming new believers! We are witnessing firsthand a communal hunger for the hope of the Gospel. There is such a longing for a deeper understanding of Jesus that in the Spring, we are launching multiple women/men discipleship groups. These groups will be student led and will provide opportunities for everyone to grow deeper in their faith!

In November, we led a Scripture Dig-In where we studied the Life of Joseph. Students, staff, and community members came together to form a 70 person Bible study. Praise God that 19 students committed their lives to Jesus that weekend! A student from Shasta was one of those who stood to commit to Jesus. She joined IV because she deeply desired belonging. However, she had no interest in Jesus at all. She grew up for a short time in the Mormon church but left and became an atheist. As we looked deeply into Genesis, internal transformation unfurled. Saturday night, she stood with over a dozen others in an act of faith. She recounts: "I came into this weekend closed off. But Jesus opened my heart! I am leaving this weekend different than I came into it."

Pray for the Jungs as they continue to be used of God to reach college students, disciple new believers, and develop student leaders on eight campuses.

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New Year Travels

By the end of February, our family had made 4 ministry trips. Quickly:

1/1 - We flew to Orlando on New Year's Day, celebrating Mimi's 4th birthday -she took a picture with the pilots. God refreshed us, encouraged us and ministered to our souls along with the 1200 other staff gathered from across the US, Hawaii and Alaska.

2/1 We brought 9 students to Sacramento to serve in the community and learn how God is active to make peace/Shalom in our communities. We spent time in service, scripture and prayer. (Sacramento Urban Dip)

2/10 – Oregon Tech trip – our volunteer Bram and his wife Nancy are transitioning from their role in leading the ministry – most of the students in the ministry have graduated. We 4 visited to pray and discern and explore what God has next!

2/23 Latino Fellowship Conference – 6 campuses with over 50 students represented. Chelsea led Scripture study in the life of Peter to show students how Jesus is developing their leadership.

Special needs: Raising finances to bring students and staff to "Genesis" Camp during spring break at Catalina Island, Campus by the Sea. They hope to raise about \$3,000 to cover the cost for students, help with renting a van and help off set some of the staff costs.

Requests: Needs for each campus

- For Shasta - pray for emerging leaders to grow in maturity and intimacy with the Lord
- for OIT - need to replant at OIT, seeking students who want to carry the ministry onto campus and reach their peers
- for COS - Kalia (leader) is transitioning to a different school and IV chapter to continue her ministry and higher education; pray for her in this Semester of transferring and pray for potential staff being hired
- SOU/Rogue - excited to see potential networks of advocates who want to help the ministry become planted. Pray for continued partnership, discernment, and direction.
- CSUC - pray for boldness as we practice invitation in our communities; pray for more people as numbers have shrunk

Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, the countries and people locally and globally served.

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