

# INTER VARSITY AT SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE



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## FALL EDITION

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### PRAISES

- 11 of our students went to fall conference and were transformed by God.
- Meeting over 500 students and raising over \$700 during our Africa tent outreach.
- Seeing our students really step up in leadership and service during fall conference and the Africa tent.
- 2 students, Renee and Tony, making new commitments to follow Jesus.
- 1 student, Nick, recommitting his life to following Jesus.
- For fundraising. God providing 94% of my budget.

### FALL CONFERENCE

On October 20-22, 11 students from Southwestern College joined over a hundred other students from the San Diego region for fall conference. They thought they were coming to learn more about God, to meet other students from other San Diego colleges, and to have fun with their friends. But little did they know, each one of them would leave changed and transformed by God's love for them and for their campus.

A few of them came in as followers of Jesus but left as leaders. One in particular, Esmeralda had the opportunity to lead a handful of students in a small group. She started out being insecure and lacking confidence in her ability as a leader. She had only been a Christian for a few months and was now going to lead other students who had been followers for almost their entire lives. It was amazing to see her step out in faith into the leader that God has made her to be.

Some students even came out of the conference experiencing freedom. Tony, a non-Christian, was unsure of even coming to the conference in the first place. He had joined our group this past

semester and had been dealing with the issue of depression and searching for some type of faith. During a prayer session at the conference, he had a breakthrough in his depression and was able to experience God's hope for him. Joy has permeated his life ever since. A few weeks after the conference Tony was able to experience God's presence even more when he committed to following Jesus a few weeks later.

I have never been so proud to be a part of such a great group. Not only do they have a passion for following and growing in their relationship with God, but after fall conference they had a desire to bring what they experienced back to the campus. Praise God for these world changers!





## PLEASE PRAY

- For Renee, Tony and Nick as they grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- That our fellowship would continue to be an outward focused community.
- For our student leaders. That we as a staff team would know how to develop them and help them grow as leaders.
- For wisdom as we restructure our fellowship and leadership structure next semester.
- For Chris, Audrey and I as we continue to raise the rest of our budgets. I need about \$3000 more to be fully funded.

## THE AFRICA TENT

The week after fall conference, the impact1 African AIDS tent hit the Southwestern campus to bring awareness about the AIDS pandemic. For 4 days, over 500 students experienced what it was like to be an orphan in Africa. Some came out with new knowledge about Africa and AIDS. Many came out emotionally moved by what was happening. But most came out of the tent wanting to do more. One student named Carlos said, "I am sad and frustrated because it is hard for only one person to make a change in this world. After going through this journey I will contribute with any possible thing I can."

Not only were the students who experienced the tent changed, but our student leaders also stepped into a new level of leadership. I was afraid that the students would be tired right after fall conference, but they came with the momentum to serve. Almost every one of leaders stepped up and helped with the tent in any way they could. Some even took risks in doing things they never thought possible. One student, Irene, was apprehensive with working the response area. In this area, she would help those who went through the tent process their experience. She had never done something like this before and was intimidated to talk to people she didn't know. Despite her feelings she stepped up to the challenge. It was incredible to see her grow more and more confident after each person she talked to. She even had the boldness to share with many about her faith. Amazing!

God definitely was moving the week of the AIDS tent. He called the students to a greater awareness, to respond to the issue, and to become leaders. Praise God for what He is doing at Southwestern!

## ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE...

Not only has God been moving in students and the college campus, but he has also been shaking up my life as well. At times my life feels like an emotional rollercoaster. I am grieving my mom's passing, dealing with my dad's cancer diagnosis, and still trying to figure out my identity in Christ and as a staff worker. It may seem overwhelming, but I feel like God is teaching me about perseverance and obedience. Perseverance is not a passive thing but rather an active one. Every day, you have to make a choice to either sit and wait or to take action and continue to take the steps God is calling you. This is definitely the theme of this semester for me. Taking the steps of obedience in areas that I was unsure of such as teaching in leadership meetings, giving my first talk, or teaching a seminar. All these things were calls from God asking if I was still going to follow Him and step up during the hard times. And although I may have been intimidated or unsure, so far my answer has always been yes. Please pray that I would be able to keep persevering even through the difficult moments.



THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS THIS PAST YEAR. I HAVE ENJOYED PARTNERING & SHARING WITH YOU WHAT GOD IS DOING ON CAMPUS. I COULD NOT BE DOING THIS WITHOUT YOU. AS THE END OF THE YEAR APPROACHES, PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING AN ADDITIONAL GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. I HAVE ENCLOSED A BRE IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU FEEL CALLED TO DO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP. GOD BLESS!