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The Snapshot of a Great Semester

It is amazing to see all that God has done in one semester at Southwestern. Year after year we have prayed and ministered, but this semester we have seen amazing growth. Here is a glimpse of what we have seen:

- ♦ 5 on-campus Bible studies
- ♦ 10 student leaders
- ♦ 7 (possibly 8) student-led decision to faith
- ♦ 48 students involved in the group at least half the time.
- ♦ 8 students planning to transfer next semester to San Diego State, San Francisco State and Berkeley

Not only has there been growth in numbers but we have seen transformation in other ways as well. Students are stepping out in faith in ways they have never done before. Some who in the past were failing classes and on academic probation are now getting A's and B's in their classes. Those who have

troubled pasts, including jail, are now walking under the leadership of God and are now leading others to Him.

Praise God for what He has done in one semester!

And of course all that has happened on campus is because of you. Southwestern InterVarsity would not be possible if it wasn't for your support and prayers. Your prayer for the students and the campus allowed all this transformation to happen. Because of your support we are able to meet with these students and help them to grow into leaders that are changing the campus and will one day change the world. We are thankful for all that you sacrifice to support what God is doing in InterVarsity at Southwestern College. Thank you so much!

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O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.
~Isaiah 25:1



Left: Gabe (New Believer)

Below: New Believers Marta and Oscar in the center



Seven New Believers

In a period of two and a half weeks of the fall semester, seven (possibly eight) people made decisions to start a relationship with Jesus. If that wasn't enough to celebrate, each of those decisions were led by student leaders. This is something that Chris, Audrey and I have always been praying for. Of course we wanted to see lives transformed and people to make decisions, but we wanted to see that influence come not from us as staff but from the students that we lead. And it has finally happened! God is developing and growing the students into evangelists. Praise God this semester for Marta, Oscar, Roscio, Gabe and the others who have committed their lives to following Jesus! Praise God for the students leaders who are bringing Jesus to the people around them!

Please Pray..

- For the 7 students who made commitments to follow Jesus this semester.
- For our large group meetings that will be restarted next semester.
- For our student leaders next semester, that they will continue to pursue God on campus and in their lives.
- For the next Filipino gathering in February, that God will raise up more Filipino leaders on college campuses.
- For my fundraising. I still have \$15k left to raise for this year. Pray that God would provide the people and the networks that want to partner with what is happening at Southwestern. Also pray that God would also change my heart for fundraising.

Meet Jay

Jay is one of our newest student leaders. Although this was his first semester at Southwestern it has been amazing to see him be transformed in the process. He jumped right into the community and did the most surveys on our club day outreach. Since then he has been an active part of our community and next semester will lead the re-launching of our large group gatherings. Not only that, but God has been moving in him personally by calling him to be a pastor or a campus minister. Praise God for the work He is doing even in the newest students in our group!



The Start of Filipino Gatherings

On November 22, 12 Filipino students from several San Diego colleges came together for the second Filipino gathering in San Diego. Food and fun of course was a central part of this one, as should be in any Filipino gathering. But with only one that had attended the previous one, this group was a different. Not only did they see the value of their culture (which was a struggle in the last one), but they also had the passion to learn about their culture in the Filipino communities on campus. Hopefully one day we will see a strong group of Filipinos in San Diego that will transform the many Filipino communities here.



Personally Speaking

It's hard to believe that I am in my 4th year on staff with InterVarsity. It seems like it was just yesterday that I graduated from UCSD with my degree in biochemistry. There were many things I could have done such as grad school, med school or a job in the biotech industry. But in these past four years I have seen and learned more than I feel many get to experience in a lifetime. I have seen students transformed in miraculous ways personally, emotionally and spiritually. I have seen students who I never thought would know God make decisions to follow Him. I have witnessed God's great provision through the proc-

ess of fundraising year after year. Even in the midst of the craziness of life, especially with my mom passing away, my dad being diagnosed with cancer, and personally dealing with the struggles of everyday life, I have seen God bring peace amidst the storms. I have learned that even with all my insecurities and doubts I am a leader and have authority.

As I look back on these four years I can confidently say that I do not regret the decision to follow God and work with InterVarsity. Instead I look back and know



there is nothing else that I would have done. I can't help but feel thankful to God for everything that He has done in my life. Psalm 118:28 sums it all up, "You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Praise God for all that He has done and all that He has yet to do!