

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

At MiraCosta College

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"InterVarsity has changed my perspective of college. I love college and I love God, but I struggled with how to mix these two loves. I always thought when I came to college I had to forget God. I thought I would have to quit college to serve God. It's awesome to see and learn how to serve God on my college campus."

~Wilthan
Kafo



God Moves in Catalina

Spring break for college students can be a big deal. Some go on trips to various places and others stay home and rest. For 10 InterVarsity students from MiraCosta College their spring break looked drastically different. On March 19th-22nd these students embarked on a journey of being immersed in the Bible at Catalina.

For 2 1/2 days they spent 8 hours a day studying the first 4 chapters of the book of Mark. With the help of staff workers Natalia and Anna, they learned how to dissect the text. These students came in not knowing what it meant to really engage in God's Word. They left excited at how the Bible had come alive.



This experience transformed this group not just in their ability and passion to read the Word, but it also brought the community together as a family. This was an unforgettable experience for the students as they learned and grew together. Veronica one of the students leaders said, "I will never forget this time. I never want to forget what God has said and done in these few days."

Reaching Out

What do 45 pizzas have to do with college? For many, pizza is just a meal, but on April 13 it was a way to connect to fellow students. On the last outreach of the year, the fellowship served the campus by passing out pizza and sodas to over 100 students.

During that time some of those students got into spiritual conversations with members of InterVarsity and later found themselves listening to a talk about Christianity and what it meant to follow Jesus.. After the talk a few students stood up wanting to deepen their

relationship with Jesus.

It was amazing to see the hunger that students have not only for food but also for God. God is definitely moving in these students and leaders to reach others on the campus.



Praises

- I am 86% of my budget and am finally working on campus.
- For Patricia and Donald who recently committed to following Jesus.
- Over 40 students attended our large group outreach (our biggest large group ever).

Please Pray

- For Patricia and Donald as they grow in their faith.
- For continued depth and growth of the community as it transitions into summer.
- For Amber and Tim (new staff) as they continue to fundraise.
- For my transition from Mira-Costa College to Southwestern College.

Lives Transformed



Patricia is a single mom who is culturally Catholic. She believed in God but did not have a personal relationship with Him. She came to Catalina with InterVarsity only knowing one person who she met from her class. At Catalina the scriptures came alive and she began to see how it related to her life. The last night at Catalina Patricia experienced an anxiety attack in which the staff and some of the students helped calm her down. It was after that point that she wanted to be healed from her anxiety and surrender her life to Jesus. She now feels, "free, like a burden has been removed."

Donald is a 19 year old student who started coming to the Wednesday Bible study after being attracted to the music and community. He didn't grow up in a religious home but was open to learning more about God. After attending several times he was invited by Natalia, a staff worker, to do a GIG (a Bible study for non-Christians to investigate the life of Jesus). He was not ready to start a relationship with Jesus at that point but said he would think about it and maybe be ready during their next meeting. During the second GIG they studied the Prodigal Son, after which he decided to commit to following Jesus. It was amazing to see the community surround him with support of his new commitment.



Months of Transition

As many of you know 2006 has been a time of major change and transition in my life. In January my world was turned upside down when my mom was suddenly admitted into the hospital after collapsing. That same week my mom passed away due to a brain aneurism. These past months since, my family and I have been adjusting to life without my mom. Although it has been hard for both me and my dad I feel God's presence and His love for us even more.

April was also a major time in my life this year. After waiting on God for



months, He provided 83% of my budget allowing me to finally work on campus full time. It has been exciting to get to know some of the students and figuring out my role on campus. I was involved with overseeing 2 student leaders, helping to train and guide them in leading a Bible study. I have enjoyed the five weeks working on campus, and now that the school year is over I am looking forward to what God has in store for me.

Currently I am in another period of transition in my life. Shortly after getting on campus full time, I received the news that I would be transferred to another college. Next year I will be working at Southwestern College, another community college in south San Diego. At first I was confused at this news. I had just started working at one campus and now would be transferred to another. Now I am at peace with this change and am excited to see what God will do at a new campus.

He has brought major changes in my life this year, but in every change I have gotten to experience and understand more of his love and his plans for me. Although it has been hard it has always been worth it. Thank God that following Him has never been boring.

As the end of the fiscal year approaches, it is important for me to raise the rest of my budget. I have currently raised 86%. I have enclosed a BRE if you feel called to give a one-time end of the year gift to help me reach this goal. Thank you for your continued support and prayers this past year.