

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

October

Mira Costa College, Oceanside, CA



Mira Costa College student leaders after an InterVarsity large group.

The Movement Has Begun

As many of you already know, I will be working as a campus staff for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at MiraCosta College which is located in Oceanside, CA. There are about 6,500 students there with a diverse group of ages and ethnicities. Although there already is an InterVarsity fellowship of about 35 students, there is still much more that God can accomplish there.

At the beginning of this school year, our staff team at MiraCosta had big dreams of what we wanted to see God do on campus. We knew God was willing to answer our prayers for MiraCosta; it was just up to us not to underestimate what He could do. To name a few, we prayed to see lives transformed by the power of Jesus Christ, students to rise up into leaders, and worship to be a more active part of the community. God shattered our expectations when He accomplished many of these things by the first month of school. The students in the fellowship are excited about InterVarsity and are willing to learn and grow. In a group of about 35 students, 13 of them are interested in leadership now. And during the very first InterVarsity large group of the year, one student in particular expressed her passion for worship and has begun to put together a worship team. God has already done amazing things in the first month of school and it is only just the beginning. It exciting to see what other things God has in store for MiraCosta.

Please pray that God will continue to grow the students and especially the new leaders. The new student leaders will be participating in a leadership summit November 5th in which leaders from both MiraCosta College and Cal State San Marcos will get together for training, praying and visioning. Pray that God gives these students a passion for God, a passion for the ministry, and a passion for leading.

Vision for San Diego

To love Jesus, reach the universities, and develop world changers... that is this year's vision for San Diego. This year there are 32 staff, 11 of which are new. We are currently serving at 8 college campuses in the area. We are united and have a similar passion of seeing God's presence in the lives of students. We not only want to teach, disciple students and raise up leaders at these schools, but we also want to expand into the unreached campuses of San Diego. God has already brought amazing revival on the campuses such as new believers, re-commitments, students stepping up to leadership, and overall growth. Please pray that staff and students will continue to be faithful to the work God is doing in San Diego.



A group picture of all the San Diego staff.



All the new staff from San Diego at Orientation for New Staff (ONS).



New staff and interns from California, Oregon, and Washington during the Intern Trek.

Summer of Training

This summer, as a new staff, I was able to participate in a few InterVarsity training events including Orientation for New Staff (ONS) and the Intern Trek. ONS was 10 days of training held in Madison, WI, specifically for all the new InterVarsity staff in the nation. The Intern Trek was 12 days of training for west coast new staff and interns. The Trek also included a road trip down the west coast stopping in Seattle, Reno, and San Diego.

Although both training events were very different in structure and in teaching, God taught me so much through both of them. Several things that I learned more about was fund development strategies, multiethnicity, evangelism, and chapter building. We even had a few opportunities to practice what we learned. For example, after being taught about evangelism, we were sent out, both at ONS and the Intern Trek, to evangelize in the surrounding areas. Although many of us were afraid and nervous to do so, God gave us courage and the boldness to step out of our comfort zones and proclaim His good news.

It is exciting to see how God will use all of the new staff in the nation to help spread His love and gospel on the college campuses.

My Personal Update

Now that my summer of training and traveling is officially over, I have finally begun my life as a staff worker. The transition from college to full time ministry has not been an easy one. It has taken some time to get adjusted to the “real world,” a world devoid of school and studying in classrooms. Instead I am constantly being taught by being a follower of Jesus Himself. Although I am not on campus yet, God has still taught me so much through the process of fundraising. Not only have I learned what it means to trust in God with my provision and finances, but God has also been developing who I am as a staff worker and who I am as a Christian. Working through my doubts and insecurities, I have come to know and hold true that I am loved by God no matter what I can or cannot do.



Please pray for a strengthening of character and also a strong faith in God through this process. Fundraising may be a long and hard road to travel on, yet I know through this experience my faith will be much stronger.

Please Pray:

- That God will bring us more students that are open and willing to learn more about the Gospel.
- For the student from MiraCosta and Cal State San Marcos attending Leadership Summit (Nov. 5).
- For Amber (another staff worker at Mira Costa) and I as we are both currently raising support to get on campus.