

# The Lowedown

A monthly update from the life and ministry of Dave & Jennifer Lowe

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## Meet Jim Gove

I met Jim Gove a few months ago when he attended our big "Evolution vs. Intelligent Design" outreach on campus. Jim told me that he had become a Christian through Campus Crusade while he was a student at Berkeley in the 1950's. I always enjoy getting to know former Crusade students who are living in the area, so I set up a formal meeting with Jim a few weeks later.

When we met for lunch, Jim began sharing his story with me about how he met Jesus Christ as a student at Cal. He was so moved by the encounter he had with Jesus had almost 50 years ago that he could barely get the words out without getting choked up. It was a holy moment.

Jim continued to share his desire to make an impact for Christ. Somewhere in our conversation, I'm not quite sure how it came up, Jim mentioned that he is a long-time supporter of a Campus Crusade staff member named Andy Henry. At the mention of Andy's name, a flood of thoughts and emotions raced through my mind.

Andy was a student at Sacramento State University in the early 1980's. His life was influenced by Campus Crusade in some way and when he graduated, he joined Campus Crusade's full-time staff. He was assigned to minister at Cal Poly-Pomona, the university I happened to be attending.

I didn't know Andy too well when he ministered on my campus. In fact, by the time I was finally getting involved in Campus Crusade, Andy was leaving Cal Poly to work at our World headquarters. But Andy's influence on me was important nonetheless.

It turns out that Andy led a Bible study one year with an assortment of guys. One of the guys in that group was a student named Dave Butts.

Andy challenged Dave to go on a summer project and though initially, Dave was not too interested, Andy's persistence motivated Dave to consider going.

Dave spent the summer of 1986 in Lake Tahoe where he was personally discipled and learned to share his faith. When he came back to school, he was committed to sharing Christ with all those around him.

A series of circumstances led me to get a job on campus and Dave was one of my co-workers. It just so happened that we had a class together as well. One night, when we were studying together after work, Dave initiated a spiritual conversation with me and shared the gospel. Though I was already a believer, that conversation led me on a journey that ended in my recommitment to Christ.

Over the next several months, I began to get more involved in Campus Crusade for Christ. My friend Dave encouraged me to consider going on a summer project as he had the previous summer. It sounded interesting, but I had other plans. Dave's persistence paid off as I finally decided to invest my summer on a summer project.

That summer changed my life and when I came back for my 5th year, I decided that I wanted to make an impact on campus by discipling and training men to live their lives for Jesus.

I was placed in a Bible study and discipled by a student named Mark. Mark and I had been friends my sophomore year in college but neither of us were walking with Jesus at the time.

One day Mark met Andy on campus and I remember seeing Mark on more than one occasion meeting with this Andy fellow in the student union.

Through Andy's influence, Mark

had re-committed himself to Christ and gotten involved in Campus Crusade for Christ. Now Mark and I were reunited as friends and brothers in Christ and he was my Bible study leader and discipler during my 5th year in college.

During that year, I made the decision to invest my life in serving Christ and I decided to join Campus Crusade's full-time ministry.

Sixteen years later, I found myself at a restaurant, listening to this dear man, Jim Gove, who unbeknownst to either of us, had an incredible impact on my life through his financial support of a guy named Andy Henry.

To me, this is one of the greatest examples of partnering and participating in the gospel that I can think of.

I think it would be incredible if some day in the near future, you were to randomly meet a fellow believer and through your conversation, it was revealed that you had impacted their life because you chose to support a missionary couple, Dave & Jennifer Lowe, who had impacted this person to live for Jesus.

The idea that you might meet someone whom we've influenced and then randomly discover that you personally had played a part in their spiritual journey is incredibly motivating to me. I hope it encourages you as well.

Jennifer and I are so grateful for your partnership with us. We consider it a privilege to do what we have been called to do. Your prayers and support make it possible for us to minister to students, who we hope someday might encourage you with their story of how you have influenced their lives through us.