

The Lowedown

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

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Fall Highlights

UCI Fall Retreat



Top—Dave, Jacob and Joshua prepare for battle in “Capture the flag” at the UCI Fall Retreat.

Bottom—Chris Warren, a former UC Davis student and now a staff member at University of Arizona, shares his faith with a student at Cal State Fullerton during our Cross '09 outreach.



At the end of October, Jen and I had the opportunity to speak to our students from UCI at their annual Fall Retreat. The ministry at UCI is only about 2 years old, but they had nearly 50 students attend the retreat. The theme of the weekend was “Follow Me” and was based on a several

different passages from the gospels where Jesus invites us to follow Him. I had a fun time studying these various passages and coming up with a series of challenging messages to encourage students to follow Jesus and only

Jesus as they live their lives.

Jen had the opportunity to speak to the women at a special women’s time and our boys **LOVED** hanging out in the mountains and running around during a special Saturday afternoon “Capture the Flag” game.

After the weekend, Julia shared, “I really gained a lot from the teaching this weekend. I don’t always think about what Jesus did for us.”

Another student named Ruby opened up to share, “I felt like I was losing my faith before I came here, but this time really spoke to me and it reminded me that it’s real.”

Cross '09 was a nation-wide outreach event within Campus Crusade to encourage our staff to “cross” cultures and reach out to students who might not normally be attracted to our traditional ministry.

I (Dave) was responsible for organizing our Los Angeles events. In all, about 90 staff joined us as we reached out to the Latino community on about 8 campuses.

There are so many cool stories I could share, but here’s just one:

Chris Warren (pictured at left) approached a Latino student at Cal State Fullerton and was able to get into a conversation. After asking a question about what barriers Latinos face, the student responded that he finds school to be very difficult because he often goes to a class and feels like he is one of only a handful of Latinos. The staff person asked

Cross '09

him if he grew up in a predominantly Latino environment and the student said that he had. Even though there are nearly 8000 Latinos on this campus, this student still feels alone and disconnected. It’s a reminder to me of why we need ethnic specific strategies like Destino – so that we can connect with students in a way that is culturally relevant to them.

We know of at least 4 students who came to Christ at Fullerton and several more at Long Beach State. In addition a new Destino ministry was started at Long Beach City College and key people were raised up to help start Destino on several other campuses!

Thank you for your partnership in helping us to take the gospel to **every student of every culture on every campus!**