

The Lowedown

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

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Baby Steps

One of the things that has been fun about our job is that we have had more opportunities to speak and teach and influence our staff. Not only have we spoken on many campuses this year but Dave flew to Daytona Beach in January to address all of Campus Crusade's new staff.

We had fun serving as Emcees for a portion of our staff regional retreat and in addition, Jen and I were able to lead a training seminar in "**Building movements**" with 25 new leaders of ethnic movements.

One of the points we shared with these new leaders is that building anything significant takes time. To help illuminate the principle, Jen showed a clip from the movie "**What About Bob?**"

In the movie, Bill Murray plays Bob, a neurotic patient who drives his psychiatrist nuts (pun intended)!

Bob finds a new doctor, Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss, who recommends to Bob a ground-breaking new book (his own) entitled **Baby Steps**. The idea, Dr. Marvin explains, is to take small steps to achieve a larger goal. By taking small steps, the stress that sometimes comes with the enormity of a task can be eliminated.

Bob takes the advice to heart and as a result, develops an unhealthy attachment to his new doctor, which ultimately drives Dreyfuss to the loony bin.

It's easy to sometimes feel overwhelmed with the stuff of life like Bob. When I think about the

enormity of our job, I can sometimes begin to relate to Bob's neuroses. We've been given the leadership task of reaching over 2 million students who do not culturally relate to our traditional ministries. It's no small task and be quite overwhelming at times.

We're trying to heed the advice of that wise sage, Dr. Leo Marvin, who encouraged Bob to

Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton.

We've seen new Bridges volunteers raised up at San Jose State, Berkeley and Hawaii.

Most importantly, we're seeing more and more of our staff and students step out in faith to reach into these different cultural communities with the message of the gospel.

We're reminded that change is



Jen and Dave as Emcee's at our Staff regional retreat

take "baby steps."

As we look back on this past academic year, I can say that we've definitely taken "baby steps."

Though there's still much to do, we've seen new Destino ministries started at Chico State, San Jose State, and UC Irvine, along with a new Destino team that is focusing ministry efforts at

often slow and incremental rather than fast and instantaneous. As Bob quipped to Dr. Leo Marvin, "we're doing the work, we're not slackers!"

Thanks for your partnership with us in taking "baby steps" to seeing every student of every culture have the opportunity to hear and respond to the message of Christ.