

The Lowedown

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Destino Trek Transformation

Last summer, a student named Elda attended our "Destino Trek" project in San Antonio. Through that experience, Elda received vision and training to start Destino on her own campus at Chico State.

A few weeks ago, I received an email about Samira, another Chico State student whose life has been impacted by being involved in Destino. Here is Samira's story, as told by one of the Destino Trek staff:

It was midnight. I got the short straw at our staff meeting and so my job was to drive to the Austin airport

family to go to college, Spanish is spoken at home but her English is really good, and she was a new Christian who wanted to grow and become more of a leader for Christ.

I hit the pillow hard that night and got up the next day to help Samira and sixteen other students (pictured below) from around the U.S. to pursue their goal of growing as spiritual leaders.

Each day we did some sort of physical challenge, a high ropes course or kayaking down the Brazos River. But we'd also train them in how to spend time with God, how to

to share with somebody. But then she stopped midway through the story and said, "Can I tell you in Spanish?" And the whole group spontaneously said things like, "Of course!" "This is Destino!" "We're your familia!"

Samira then really lit up and, in Spanish, passionately told us how she led somebody to pray and receive Christ that afternoon. It was the 1000th moment I've had in the last two years with Destino, that I saw how much we need a ministry like this to win, build and send students like Samira.



Left: Samira at the Destino Trek, **Center: Elda Mariscal**—Destino Leader, **Right: Destino students** sharing their faith

and pick up a student arriving a day early for "Destino Trek," an intensive leadership training week we do each year in central Texas.

Samira (Sahmeer-ah) from Chico State was waiting for her luggage when I met her at the carousel in baggage claim. As we made the one hour ride back to where we were hosting the training, I found out Samira was like most of our students—her parents are immigrants, she is the first in her

share their faith, how to grow in character, how to launch and build a Destino movement, etc.

After one morning of training on how to share your faith, we had an afternoon of outreach in the community. We all paired up to talk with people, and Samira shared her faith for the first time.

That night we came back to the ranch and had a time of telling each other what God did. Samira spoke up. She began to say that she was able

Through your partnership, Destino movements are starting on campuses like Chico State through students like Elda. As a result, students like Samira are being reached and trained to influence others for Christ. Thank you for your partnership in reaching students and faculty from every culture on every campus for Christ! We are extremely grateful for you!

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