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## Praying for Spiritual Renewal at UC Davis

**I**t was early in the morning when we were awoken to the sound of screaming.

It was a typical day for us, as Jacob and Joshua were waking up and wanting to get fed.

As we began to feed them, we turned on the Television to catch up on the news. We were shocked to see the twin towers of the World Trade Center burning and even more alarmed when we learned that it was a result of a terrorist attack.

At the time of the attack, we were attending a training conference with some other staff. We ended up spending much of the day in prayer.

Later that day, one of our staff members learned that his cousin had been on one of the hijacked planes.

I'm not quite sure how or why this tragedy was allowed to happen.

However, I do know that in the midst of all the chaos and confusion, God is still in control, and He is still working in the lives and hearts of people.

I believe that we may have an unprecedented opportunity here in America. Our country is more united than ever and people are open to spiritual issues.

Our hope and prayer is that the Lord will use this event to awaken students to their need for God. We hope that during the first few weeks of school, we will have the opportunity to introduce students to this God that their heart is seeking.

We are more excited than ever about what God is doing on our campus. This year has the potential to be our biggest year ever. It would not be unrealistic for our group to double in size to 200.

We have more students leading Bible studies than ever and we're investing more time and money into our Welcome Week

Outreach events than we ever have.

Still, we know that nothing will happen if the Lord does not work through these events and bless the plans that we have made.

When you receive this letter, we will likely be 2 or 3 weeks into our Fall Quarter outreach campaign.

With that in mind, please pray for the following:

- For 80 freshmen to get involved this year
- For open hearts as we share the gospel with students who have expressed an interest
- For a sense of unity and community among

our leadership students.

- For an unwavering commitment to holiness and purity as we pursue the vision the Lord has given us.
- For Jen and myself as we try to balance our new duties as parents with our ministry responsibilities.

Thanks for your continued prayers and your partnership with us. We both feel very grateful to all of our friends who have been so encouraging to us in the recent months. God Bless!

### Jen's Corner: An Update on Jacob and Joshua

We want to thank all of you for your prayers for Jacob and Joshua. They are doing very well. We wanted to let you know how they are doing.

They celebrated their 4 month birthday on September 14. We had their 4 month doctor visit and their pediatrician said that they are healthy, growing boys who have come along very nicely considering they were almost 8 weeks premature.

The fun thing for us as parents is to see them grow and develop. They are both a lot more alert now, and very smiley. It is fun to see our students interacting with the boys. The boys love studying people's faces these days, and love to smile. When they smile, their whole face lights up.

We now have their nursery painted, and they are sleeping in separate cribs. One thing that we noticed is that as soon as we started putting them in their own crib, they started to sleep better and longer through the night. They are sleeping from about 9 pm-5am, which has been great. We had been praying specifically that the boys would sleep longer once school started, and our schedules got busier.

Dave and I are blown away when we think about God's faithfulness in bringing the twins into our family. Next month we'll put in a picture to let you see how much they have grown.