



THE LOWEDOWN

A Monthly Newsletter from the ministry of Dave & Jennifer Lowe

Dealing with Growing Pains

Praise

- We have over 80 freshman involved in our ministry.
- We have almost 50 students signed up for our Christmas Conference.
- Last spring, we conducted an outreach campaign on campus entitled "Body Piercing Saved My Life". This outreach idea received national attention because of its creativity. Just last month a campus in Pennsylvania ran their own "Body Piercing" Outreach and experienced a fantastic response on campus.

Prayer

- We are conducting a major outreach Jan. 7-10th. We'll be passing out 5000 newspapers on campus related to the theme of death and dying. Pray for a good response to our evangelism message that week.
- Pray for our Christmas Conference and the impact it will have on our students.
- We are praying for 40 students to go on summer missions projects, with at least 10 going overseas.

Growth. It's a natural occurrence in life. When you're a kid, you can't wait to get bigger. Then when you're bigger, you wonder why you ever wanted to grow up.

Interestingly enough, ministry can be much the same way.

When we started this ministry, we had a vision to grow in our size and influence on campus. We couldn't wait to get bigger. But now that we've grown, there are certain aspects of our small ministry of yesteryear that we miss.

Don't get me wrong—we are very excited about what God has done here at UC Davis in just a little over 3 years.

In our wildest dreams, we did not imagine that we would have nearly

200 students in Bible studies, which are being led by over 20 students. We didn't envision over 100 students at our Fall Retreat and nearly 100 freshman in Bible studies.

The excitement that many of our students have for evangelism and for reaching the lost around the world has surpassed our limited expectations.

We are certainly blown away by God and his faithfulness. We feel blessed to have been a part of this wild ministry ride at UC Davis.

However, our rapid growth has given us new challenges to overcome.

How do we maintain a sense of community with such a large group?

How do we make sure that new students

understand our vision and our mission?

How can we continue to motivate and build into our leaders at the same time we are trying to reach out to new people?

How can we minister to all the new people at the same time that our staff resources are shrinking due to our new family situation?

These are just some of the questions we're attempting to answer. We don't know the answers yet, but we're determined to see how God will provide solutions to our growing pains so that we can take this ministry to the next level.

Please pray with us and for us as we continue to lead this "growing" ministry.

Having an "Epic" Time

Over the past several years, Campus Crusade has tried to be intentional about reaching out to ethnic minorities. Many campuses have started separate ethnic ministries to reach specific ethnic groups.

"Epic" is the name that has been given to

Crusade ministries that are focusing on reaching Asian Americans.

Because we have so many Asian Americans at UC Davis (about 1/3 of the student body), we have tried to start our own Epic ministry within Campus Crusade.

A few weeks ago, we

held a dinner for all Asian American students in our ministry. The response was encouraging as 25 students showed up.

Please pray for our Epic ministry to grow as we continue to work towards reaching the entire UC Davis campus community.