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Mapping out Our Future

When I walked into the store, there were maps everywhere. Just about any kind of map you could think of was there. There were maps of California, maps of the United States, maps of big cities and maps of small cities. Maps of other countries and maps of other counties.

I was looking for a world map. And not just any world map but a **BIG** world map.

You see, since we began this ministry, our vision was always that we would somehow through our efforts be able to influence the world. Sure, we want to reach students at UC Davis for Christ, but that's only part of the equation. All over the world there are people who have never heard the gospel. We want to take it to them. Our desire is that UC Davis students would take the gospel to the four corners of the globe.

I was looking for a **BIG** map because we desire to have a **BIG** influence on reaching the world for Christ.

I found just the map I was looking for. It was four feet tall by six feet wide—big enough to see all the countries and many of the larger cities in those countries.

At our Christmas Conference, I pulled out the map and told our students, "this is our destination—the world."

I then invited students who have been on summer projects through our ministry before to come up and place a small yellow dot on the

map where they had been. One by one, small yellow dots became visible, representing destinations where UC Davis students have been. Hopefully, in the next couple of years, that map will be littered with dots, demonstrating that UC Davis students are taking the gospel to the world.

Our vision is starting to become a reality. This next summer, a staff couple on our team is leading a missions team to Shymkent, Kazakstan. Many of our students are planning to join them.

This team is just one part of a partnership that our region has established with this city. The goal is that within 5 years, we will establish several new campus ministries in this city and raise up nationals who will lead and direct the ministry. When that happens, we will move on to another city or country.

Another aspect of this partnership, is sending **Short Term International** teams (STINT) over for a year or two at a time to help expand on the ministry of the summer project.

This Spring, we will graduate the first group of students from our ministry. At least two of them are applying to go to Shymkent for a one year STINT. A few other students are thinking about joining Campus Crusade's full-time staff, to help reach other students on other campuses and in turn send them to the world.

Please pray for us and our ministry, that we would be a ministry that reaches not just UC Davis, but the entire world!



Jesus said, "All authority has been given me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

The Waiting is Over—Adoption Finally Becomes Legal

On December 11th, we became the proud parents of twin boys—Jacob Parker Lowe and Joshua Dylan Lowe.

Up until then, we were considered foster parents. After our 6 month evaluation period, we were able to go before the county judge and legalize our adoption.

Needless to say we are relieved

that that part of the process is over. However, the hard part of raising these boys is just barely beginning.

Both Jacob and Joshua have gotten their two lower and two upper front teeth in. Joshua has a 3rd upper tooth that has just poked through.

Both boys are rolling around and seem close to the point of crawling. They are getting better at eating solid

foods and they now enjoy grabbing Cheerios and Corn Chex off of their high chair tray and attempting to put it in their mouth. Most of it ends up in the their seat but they are learning more and more about how to feed themselves.

To see pictures of our twin boys, please visit our website, listed below.