

The Lowedown

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

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How to Tell the Twins Apart

People are always asking us, "Are your twins identical?" Our response is always the same, "we're not sure."

We were told when they were born that they are fraternal twins but we've also heard from other parents of twins that the only real way to know is by having a genetics test done.

Most people think they may be identical twins because they look so similar and are hard to tell apart by those who do not know them well.

Well, that may not be a problem anymore.

Last Thursday, we had some guest speakers over, and while I was out getting the food for dinner, I got an unexpected phone call from my house.

It was one of our guests, informing me that there had been an

accident and Jacob had split his forehead open.

I was home within two minutes and I immediately took Jacob to the emergency room. He had banged his forehead on the corner of his bedroom door and he ended up getting seven stitches.

I'm usually pretty good at this point with coming up with some spiritual lesson to be learned. However, I'm not sure what the lesson is here. Maybe the lesson is simply that we should avoid sharp corners because they can hurt really bad and cause lots of damage.

Or perhaps there is a spiritual lesson here. When we were in the waiting area, Jacob kept asking to see his "boo-boo" in the mirror. I said there was no mirror but he could see his reflection in the window, so we walked over and took a look.

I saw the hole that needed to be sewn up but he simply saw blood that he assumed could be wiped away. I would put the cloth on his forehead and then he'd look again and wonder why the blood was still there.

I think sometimes that's like us in a spiritual sense. Sometimes we don't think we're as bad as we are. We think we can fix ourselves by just wiping the sin away. But what we really need is a physician to make us whole again.

That's where Jesus comes in. He's the Great Physician who makes us whole spiritually. Our needs were too great to fix on our own.

Hey it's corny I know, but the good thing is that Jacob now has his stitches out and if we're really lucky, the scarring will be minimal. If not, well then I guess it won't be hard to tell them apart from now on!

The Ministry Lowedown

Ministry at UC Davis is as busy as ever. There are lots of exciting things to report.

It looks like we will be sending around 30 students on summer projects again this year. One exciting thing is that we will be seeing almost 1/3 of those going overseas.

This summer, 4 of our students will be joining Campus Crusade's full-time staff. I'm not sure where they'll all get assigned, but our dream of sending laborers into the harvest is being realized.

We are also excited about students who are giving their lives to Christ.

Last quarter I gave a talk at our weekly meeting and in the talk I referenced our website as having a lot of articles defending Christianity.

A student named Rodolfo came up to me afterwards and asked me

what my website address was. I thought he was just curious.

Later I learned that he is not a believer but is actively seeking answers regarding Christianity.

He started coming to a small group Bible study led by one of our staff, who gave him a copy of Josh McDowell's *More Than a Carpenter* book, which outlines reasons to believe in the deity of Christ.

Just yesterday, my staff friend told me that he had found Rodolfo's weblog (sort of an online diary that's becoming popular with people today).

In a very recent entry, Rodolfo exclaimed, "I have finally declared myself as Christian. I love Jesus Christ and God and I am devoted to it. I accept him as my only savior based on facts that are undeniable. My heart resists the abrupt change... but my mind will force it to change."

Jen and I are busy preparing for the end of the year, which means challenges to new students for leadership and encouraging those who are graduating to make an impact for Jesus wherever they go.

This year, it also means getting ready for the Newport Beach Summer Project, which I have agreed to direct. It's an exciting opportunity, but it is also quite a bit of work.

Pray for us as we wind down the year. Pray for our summer and pray for us as we continue to reach out to students to share the love of Christ with them.

For those who are interested, I'm still doing well with my diet (aka—lifestyle change). To date, I've lost almost 25 pounds. Only 5 pounds more to get to my 1990 target weight!