

# The Lowedown

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

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## Gaining a New Perspective

The end of August marked somewhat of a milestone for me (Dave). Ten years ago, I began taking classes part-time towards a Masters of Arts degree in Theological Studies. My plan was to take one class per semester, but there were several semesters that I didn't take classes, like when our twins arrived.

Last summer I found myself needing only 3 units to finish my degree. While there were a number of elective courses I could have taken to fulfill the requirement, I decided to take the Perspectives Course on World Missions.

My friend Doug is the coordinator of the class in the Davis area and for years, he has been encouraging me to take the class. I was never able to take it because it was always offered on a night when I had planned ministry events at UC Davis. Besides, as a missionary, I thought most of the material would probably just be a review for me anyway.

I decided to take the course because I found that I could take it as a correspondence course and work at my own pace. I had a full year to complete the work and the best part was I didn't have to commute somewhere to take the class.

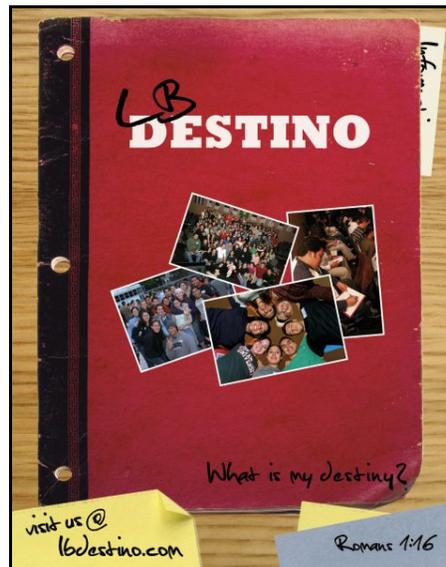
On August 29th, with 2 days left to spare, I finished the last of the requirements for the Perspectives class (as well as my degree). My wife tells me that this was in typical Dave fashion, waiting until the last minute!

I cannot stop thinking about all of the things that I learned in this course. I wish every Christian would take this course because it shows how God's heart for all nations and cultures is woven throughout the pages of Scripture.

It highlights the purpose of the church, which is to make disciples of all peoples and the course traces the

history and growth of Christianity over the last 2000 years and demonstrates how close we are coming to seeing the fulfillment of the Great Commission that Jesus gave all of His followers!

One of the things that was very eye-opening to me was something called "the Great Imbalance." Statistically, less than 3% of our missionary force is reaching out to the most unreached people groups of the world. Most of our ministry efforts are spent reaching out to those who already have churches and ministries in their community that represent and reflect their own culture.



**A postcard flier advertising our new Long Beach Destino group to students on campus. This "L.A." Destino group has just kicked off this Fall Semester.**

This same inequity has existed in our ministry and it's one of the reasons I'm excited about what the Lord has called me and Jen to. Our job is to exhort and mobilize people to step out in faith and reach out to the

unreached cultural groups on campus.

Slowly, we are seeing progress and making inroads in the different communities on campus that have not been represented well in the past.

Just this past month, our Long Beach Destino team was started. This is a milestone in the history of our ministry. Please pray for the growth of this new group. Pray for our interns who are still raising funds to be ministers on this team. Pray that many Latino students would be reached and that many would come to faith and become devoted followers of Christ as a result.

Pray with us too as we dream about other ministries that must be launched if we are to move forward in reaching the unreached cultural groups on our campuses.

Pray that we would be able to start a Nations ministry in Arizona. Nations is our strategic outreach to Native students.

Pray that we would be able to start an Epic (Asian American) ministry in the Bay Area.

Bridges is our strategic outreach to International Students. Currently, we have Bridges teams in Los Angeles and Sacramento. Pray with us to be able to start Bridges ministries in the Bay Area and in also in San Diego.

There is so much more that needs to happen, and yet God is working and His purposes are being fulfilled both here and all over the world!

Thanks so much for your partnership in reaching students of every culture on every campus.