

THE LOWEDOWN



Left: Epic volunteer Aaron and I conduct spiritual interest questionnaires on campus.

Above: The UCI basketball team stops to fill out a spiritual interest Questionnaire

Launching Full Swing into the Fall

Fall is the busiest time of year for our ministry. Our campuses spend an incredible amount of energy reaching out to new students and getting our message out. Most campuses attempt to engage with thousands of students during the first week, inviting them to fill out spiritual interest questionnaires. They then spend the next 6-8 weeks following up on new people and getting small groups up and running. It's almost like a Greek Rush event that lasts for half of the first term, culminating with their Fall retreat.

It's been incredibly exciting to hear the reports of how our teams are doing in various locations. Our team at Berkeley, for example, had 100 students attend their first meeting. This was the most students they've had involved in at least the last 20 years.

Our team at the University of Arizona had nearly 100 students at

their fall retreat, which is an incredible increase over the last few years.

Our Epic ministry at Cal Poly Pomona has doubled in size this year and UCSB has seen an increase across the board in all of their 7 movements, thanks in part to the largest freshman enrollment ever on that campus.

We have a new Destino team in North L.A. and this weekend marks the first ever Destino only Fall retreat. There are already over 100 students signed up from campuses all over California.

In addition, it's exciting to see new movements being launched. Our UCI team is actively pursuing a Bridges launch on their campus, while University of Arizona is looking to start both Destino and Epic.

Please pray for Jen and me as we coach and lead our teams to reach every student of every culture on every campus.

In particular, pray for me (Dave) as I coach our team at Arizona State. Our staff leaders left suddenly over the summer and the ministry is being led this year by a team of students, who are doing an amazing job.

Pray for our quarter schools as they approach their fall retreats. Fall retreat is a mile marker in our ministry each year. It is usually an event that mobilizes students for further involvement.

Pray for our teams as they continue to reach out to new students with the love of Christ. And pray for Jen and me and our travel schedule, which has been fairly busy with campus visits and meetings with our national teams.

We are incredibly thankful for you and your partnership. Thank you for lifting us up in prayer!