



interVarsity

Joseph Lee's 2009-2010 Year End Report

Thank You for your continued prayer and support this year!



MINISTRY IN THE YEAR OF THE LORDS FAVOR

At our leadership retreat this past September we heard from God that this would be the Year of the Lord's favor,

and as the school year began this word definitely rang true. We kicked off the year with the largest Large Group meeting in UCSD history with over 700 students filling Mandeville Auditorium. From there we had the largest Fall Retreat ever bringing over 200 students into the Palomar mountains. Along the way we saw many students coming to faith and being transformed by the power of the gospel.

Over Christmas break we brought over a hundred students to join 17,000 other delegates at our tri-annual Urbana Missions Convention. This was a particularly huge landmark for me as I saw the power of healing prayer through serving on the prayer ministry team. I saw numerous students healed from past wounds, and I'm still in touch with a high school student who received a call to the Muslim world through our prayer time! The experience really inspired a vision in me to see InterVarsity become a place where the broken hearted and depressed on campus could come and find healing.

The Winter Quarter saw an increased momentum in prayer amongst our students. Some students began a 36 hour prayer chain once a week, while others hosted organic prayer meetings in dorms and apartments all over campus! These meetings focused around crying out for God to revive our campus and for his favor to be poured out. I've been so excited to see God move in our students hearts through stirring a spirit of intercession.

God responded to these prayers in an unexpected way, and He threw us into the midst of racial tension on campus. However, what Satan intended to divide, God used for his purposes by positioning our community to represent Jesus in the midst of it all. By His grace, we helped begin a process of reconciliation (more on the next page).

Also in the winter, I began to mentor a group of guys (pictured below). The 4 of us have been really seeking God in what it means to be filled with his spirit, and to do ministry

empowered by Him. It's been such a joy to walk with these men, and watch Him develop them into leaders. As they become seniors next year, they are all stepping into senior leadership of our fellowship. I am excited to see how God uses them!

All the while, the teams I lead continue to grow and thrive. The prayer team is setting itself up as watchmen of the community and is really beginning to dive into deep level healing prayer. The worship team continues to grow in how it leads multi-ethnic worship. The new believers team is as big as it ever has been, which we hope is a sign that God is going to bring in an even greater harvest next year!

Every step of the way this year we've seen God continue to expand our vision of experiencing Him and changing the world. As I reflect on this I can truly say this has been a year of great favor and fruitfulness. Thank you for your continue partnership in this great work! Praise Him!

JESUS IN THE NUMBERS THIS YEAR:

431

Students Involved

166

Leaders next year!

93

People came to Faith!





Congratulations
Class of 2010!

ONE SONG, ONE PEOPLE, ONE GOD

Racial barriers fall during night of worship!

On May 7th, InterVarsity joined with Grace Covenant Church, a local African American Church, to host the “One” praise night. This outdoor praise night was held at the middle of campus and attracted a crowd of over 300 students and community members. Worship was led by a joint multi-ethnic team of students from Grace Covenant Church, and the InterVarsity worship band, leading a mix of gospel, contemporary, and Spanish worship music.

This praise night was a direct response to the “Compton Cookout” incident last February. It was a prophetic call to campus that there could be reconciliation through the gospel of Jesus, and that it was truly possible for people of all colors to join together in celebration of our God. One powerful moment from the night was when Hannibal, a black student, shared how InterVarsity had taught him how to love other people.

In the last few months since the incident, our community really took the charge on campus by building relationships with the Black student community, and partnering with them in preaching reconciliation through the gospel. In April, we took our 150 student leaders to a Grace Covenant worship service, which was certainly a cross cultural experience for all of us. Through our efforts, we’ve seen our students begin to cross their cultural comfort zones, displacing themselves into under represented communities on campus. On the flip side, we’ve seen more Black students involved in our ministry than ever before. “One” served as a celebration of all of these breakthroughs.

Reflecting on this night, I really believe that this was a fulfillment to God’s promise that this would be the year of the Lord’s favor. I am reminded that when God’s Spirit poured out in Acts 2, not only did “miracles” occur, but racial walls were broken down so that all could hear the gospel. We’ve truly seen God do that this year, and it’s been so exciting to be apart of!

Senior Testimony: Joanne Shiau

As a senior at UCSD, I look back and see God’s fingerprints on my life from day one. As a winter admit I felt very lonely, and like I would never be able to find a comfortable place at such a large campus. However, when an old friend brought me to an InterVarsity Bible study the welcoming people immediately drew me in. The feelings of loneliness soon disappeared and God gave me family and a place to call home.

At my first Large Group, I was so intimidated by the size of the group, but the worship immediately drew me in. God was able to create an intimate space for me to encounter Him and to hear Him speak. The worship was engaging, fun, and genuine. Before coming to college, I had a dream of becoming a worship leader. I did not think it was possible, but InterVarsity gave me the space to pursue that dream. If it were not for leaders and staff, like David Tran and Joe Lee, encouraging and pushing me to press into God’s call in my life as a worship leader, my dream may never have happened. Through it all I have been challenged and humbled in so many ways, but I know that I’m becoming more and more woman that God has made me to be.

It has been an honor to serve as a leader in a fellowship where we are pushed to be world changers for His kingdom. InterVarsity has been a place of safety for me, and I have met so many encouraging and loving people. It has grown my heart for the lost and the broken, opened my eyes to injustice, and expanded my vision of God and God’s love for this world.

Financial Update:

As the school year comes to an end, I am in full time fundraising mode. I have worked so hard this year to raise my budget, and God has been so faithful to me! Thank you so much for all that you’ve sowed into the ministry. God has used it to touch many students this year! **However, I still have \$2,100 to raise before June 30th.**

It is vital that I raise my full budget by this time so that I can continue ministry next year unhindered.

Would you consider helping by either:

- 1. Giving an end of the year one time gift of \$100-\$500.**
- 2. Commit to praying for my fundraising once a week until the end of June.**

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