

# UCSD INTERVARSITY

Fall Quarter 2008

The 08-09 Worship Team! We are practicing our worship poses while we take this picture.



## And so my house

Can you imagine a whole community set apart for seeking the Lord and interceding on behalf of the campus? What would happen? How could God move? Well we've been experiencing a glimpse of that this past quarter as our leaders gathered at our Leadership Retreat and responded to a renewed call to prayer. Our Welcome Week activities this year were bathed in prayer as we opened a prayer room in our campus office from 8 am-11 pm everyday. Our leaders took shifts in the room to pray and find refreshment in the Lord as we engaged the campus to welcome the arriving freshmen. And the result? Another record breaking welcome week in terms of students coming to events, and a refreshed and charged up leadership ready to storm into the year. Overall, this has been an exciting start of the year for me, as our evangelistic efforts have been fired up through our fellowship's awakened commitment to prayer.

Riding the wave of this prayer revolution, I will be overseeing the prayer team this year on top of

## A house of prayer

my current ministry opportunities. I am excited to help this team vision for how it can become an intercession catalyst for our community. **Please pray** for Annie Hao, the prayer team leader, and me as we continue to vision and push forward this strategic ministry.

In other ministry happenings, I have begun working with an entirely new group of leaders to build community and further vision for the worship and Students of Color ministry. I praise God for the worship team that from day one they have been loving each other. I know that our anointing on stage is connected to our love for one another.

**Please pray** for them that they would continue to grow in their prophetic role in our ministry to call students into more intimate encounters with God.

The Students of Color ministry continues to grow. We went from 2 leaders at the beginning of last year to 8 leaders this year. We also now have a new volunteer staff, Daniel Foy, who is helping reach the Black community on campus. Our bible studies have been at around 25 students every week, and it has been exciting to watch God just continue grow and stabilize this struggling ministry. However, with growth always comes growing pains. Our leadership team is currently going through some internal conflict in terms of relationships and vision. **Please pray** for us as we continue to work through these things and pray for wisdom for me as I continue to shepherd them through this process. May the enemy NOT break apart what God has been putting together!

The 08-09 Students of Color Bible Study Team! This is the largest SOC leadership team ever! (we photoshopped some people in)



## Black Student Outreach New Staff- Daniel Foy

I have a distinct memory of talking to a Black student in an Ethnic Studies class and having her tell me that everyone she knew on campus was currently in this class. Now I'm sure she was exaggerating, but this statement certainly highlights the sense of marginalization that Black students feel on campus. Out of an undergraduate population of 22,000 there are only about 300 Black students on campus (1%). With that the experience on campus for most of these students can often feel like being foreigners at UCSD.

Following a vision to create a place of "shalom" or peace on campus for the foreigners (Jer 29), I have continually been praying that the Students of Color Bible Study could welcome this underrepresented population. An answer to this prayer has been a new volunteer staff, Daniel Foy, who has been helping us reach these students. Daniel, a grad student at Alliant University, is a gifted gatherer and a God sent minister to this campus. We have been partnering and working hard this quarter to gather and empower Black students. We've already seen an increase of Black student involvement in our ministry.

**Praise God** for helping us break ground in this community, and **please pray** for Daniel and I as we push forward in this pioneering ministry on campus! We would love to end the year with 5 Black leaders committed to this ministry.



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-Joanne Shiau



## Soul Food: Fall Retreat

This past weekend we brought 74 students to Sunny Catalina Island for our annual fall retreat, Soul Food. This retreat was divided into class specific tracks in which each class studied and put into practice a particular spiritual discipline, including Scripture, Sabbath, Mentoring, and Listening to God.

I co-led the Junior track teaching about mentorship. We talked about what it meant to get mentored and mentor others. The main challenge for the weekend was to take responsibility for ones own spiritual growth, as well as to pour back into the underclassmen.

At the end, Junior Joanne Shiau shared that, *"Coming into the weekend I felt*

*disqualified as a mentor. I had this really high standard of what it means to mentor people... but as I learned about mentoring types I realized I probably have been mentoring a lot of people without even realizing I've been doing it... I'm beginning to see how powerful our community could be if everyone had someone pouring into them. We could tear this campus apart."*

I really believe this year's Junior class is really special and could leave an amazing legacy in the fellowship through their leadership. **Please pray** that they would respond to the challenge to mentor and pour into those who come after them. **Please also pray** for the 3 seekers who came to the retreat that they would meet and give their lives to God in these upcoming weeks!

## Personal Update

Did you know that my cousin is a second year at UCSD? Yup! Here is Andrea Yu and me at Fall Retreat this past weekend. She currently serves on Large Group team and it has been such a blessing to watch her grow in her faith and as a leader this past year.

All in all, this first quarter has been one of many ups and downs. On one hand, I've experienced a new sense of authority and clarity in my preaching and prophetic leadership. I am falling more in love with preaching the Word and have seen an increasing anointing in my teaching. *(Check out my talk recordings on my website.)* On the other hand, I've been in a rough season these past few months. I've been questioning a lot about my

future and where God is leading me. Personally, there have been many hard situations I've been having to face, and it honestly feels sort of like walking through the furnace. Still, I know God is shaping and refining me through it all. **Please pray** for strength and perseverance!

Finally, I am seeking the Lord for when I am suppose to start my part time seminary. I am hoping to start classes this January, but the biggest obstacle right now is a lack of finances (I need \$1000/class). **Please pray** for wisdom and provision as I seek God in stepping into this next step of my journey.

In other news I moved into a new house in September. **Praise God** for my own room! New address down below. Thanks for your continued partnership!



## Financial Update

I am currently on campus half time (20 hours) due to funding. I **need to raise about \$12,282** for this year. As January rolls around, would you consider a tax deductible end of the year gift? I would also appreciate any potential network you may have to offer. Please email me!