

Santa Monica Summer Project 2014 Update

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On Friday, July 18th, we left Santa Monica and turned over the Summer Project to the students. After 6 weeks together, *they* led the last 3! Scott and the other two directors then went back August 7 - 9 to close everything up! It would take a book to recount all that God did in two months, but we will tell you some of them, and recount one fantastic story!

The moment these 80 students (from 25 different campuses) checked in at the Palm Motel, we began to equip them with skills to walk with God and fulfill His Great Commission for a lifetime. We shared about God's big story and taught them how to share their own story. We walked through how to share the gospel with someone using a simple tool called, "Would You Like to Know God Personally" (affectionately called the "KGP"). We taught them how to use tools to engage in spiritual conversations, like Perspectives Cards, and Spiritual Interest Questionnaires, and simply asking good questions. We learned about the Spirit-Filled Life together, and how to share it with other Christians. We taught them how to do good Bible study and modeled it in their small groups. We worshipped together, shared our faith together at Santa Monica college, Third Street Promenade, the Pier & in their workplaces, prayed together, shared our lives with each other, and had fun together!

On the last day of project, Scott sat down with a few campuses to hear what God did in their lives and what they were trusting God for as they headed back to campus. Here are just a few of their responses: "I have a burden to increase evangelism and discipleship on my campus." "I want to tackle the problem of sexual purity among men at my campus. It's a big problem." "I'm setting a goal to share my faith at least once a week." "I want every single guy in my pledge class to have heard what I believe."

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A Changed Life

The Wednesday before we left, two of our students went to UCLA for a day of outreach. Frank from UCSD, and Grace from Pima Community in Tucson, approached a guy named Luis. They began a Spiritual Interest Questionnaire with him. Luis soon realized that they were with Cru. Luis said, "I've been looking for people from Cru. In the last year, I've come to the conclusion that there is a God, that he's the biblical God, and would love to have someone tell me more about Him." Frank and Grace shared their testimonies and then walked through the KGP with him. He prayed to receive Christ right there! Frank and Grace connected Luis with a UCLA student on our project and he plans to get involved with Cru on campus in the Fall!

But the story doesn't end there. It turns out the Luis began his search for God last summer after a co-worker began talking with him about Jesus. His co-worker's name was Trevor. Trevor was a part of the Santa Monica Summer Project last summer. He was from UCLA.

Trevor met with Luis twice over the course of last summer, but nothing came of those times...so it seemed. Upon finding this out another of our UCLA students tracked down Trevor, called him up, and told him Luis's story. Over the phone Trevor wept with joy!

Luis is just one of the 68 people who have received Jesus as Lord and Savior this summer! God is on the move changing lives around Santa Monica this summer! And He's changing the lives of these 80 students, who will return to their 25 different campuses equipped to lead others in bringing the gospel to the lost on their campuses. Thanks for being a vital part of what God is doing with us!



One of the joys of being a part of the Lead team is that we have the privilege of training our staff. 16 of our 24 staff discipled the 80 students. The 8 of us on the Lead team trained the 16 staff. We love coming alongside our staff and developing them as they are growing in their walk with the Lord and in ministry skills.



On the left, Scott speaking to the students at the Farewell Banquet as we sent them back to their campuses and ultimately wherever God takes them! Scott enjoyed co-directing this summer & is looking forward to doing it again next summer! On the right, are the two student women who invested in the staff kids this summer. Sarah loved getting time with Rachel & Kristen. Ethan also loved having student & staff guys play catch with him at dinner every night!



To read more on what our summer in Santa Monica looked like, go to our website at theslamers.com.

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