

COLLEGE OUTREACH

WITH JEFF & KAREN GRANT



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Love,

Jeff + Karen

Okay, this month has been ridiculous! Sometimes God is very subtle, and other times He's REALLY Not!



TRAINING EVANGELISTS

It has been so exciting to be able to serve at Full Sail University, where lots of jaded artists are churned out into the entertainment industry every single month. What an opportunity!

Every couple weeks, I've been able to share the gospel on campus right outside the building below, and take somebody with me who has never shared before. I got to take Pastor Chris here from a church of about 14,000! As he works with college-aged students in his church, he is excited to implement what he has learned by sharing with me at Full Sail! Talk about ongoing impact! I even got to see a student, Jason, accept Christ just the other week with the help of a stay-at-home mom (Beth) who wants to bring evangelism to her church!



PRAISES

- * Students boldly reaching Freshmen
- * Hearts growing more open to ministry partnership
- * An exciting new school year to reach students for Jesus!
- * Our family has experienced all kinds of healing!

In other amazing news, Walden Media sponsored us to show their new movie "The Giver" for free in a local theater just before its major release. 170 Full Sail students came and stayed for a 30-min discussion about truth, love and what it means to be alive. One student even posted a [video testimony](#) in response! From this event, we were able to get officially recognized on the campus, and have big plans, so keep praying!



REQUESTS

- * Freshmen to get connected to God's people at school
- * Wisdom as we launch new campus ministries all over
- * Our kids to adjust to starting school

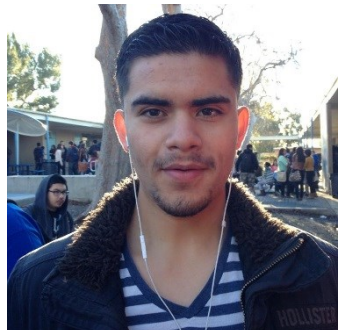
REACHING CAL STATE

I've just got to tell you about my buddy, Eric. He attends a Spanish speaking church out in LA and has just started attending California State.

I have been coaching Eric in preparing to launch Cru at the Northridge campus of that big school. He attended Mission Summer, where he said, "I was able to hear God through other students as they told me their experiences with CRU. Again, I find the fact that wherever in the world we may travel to, we have family because we are all united by Christ."



Since then, Eric has gathered his friends to launch the movement this Fall. I met with him, and his friend Gaddiel, for a video chat and he said, "it's funny to think of you all the way over in Florida, because I feel like you're right here with me." I couldn't resist the chance to record him, so you can see Eric and Gaddiel [here](#). Pray for their ministry these first few weeks of school (which are the most critical of the year for incoming freshmen) and for their club fair, where we've seen hundreds plug in and some even accept Jesus!



Exodus 12:36

And the Lord had given the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. So the Egyptians let them have whatever they asked for. And they took the best things of Egypt.

FAMILY UPDATE

Both our kiddos started school the week of August 18th! Arthur began first grade with familiar faces—his kindergarten teacher (Mrs. Comer) “looped” and is now teaching first grade with the same class of kids. We are thrilled, because she loves the Lord and our experience with her last year was great. Arthur enjoys school and we’re happy about how well he’s adjusted into a schedule that is pretty full between school, homework and eye therapy exercises.



Arthur's first day of school

Our little Kat also began pre-school for the very first time! We’ve seen some maturing over the last month or so, which we have been hoping would happen before we had to send her out into the world. She was very excited about starting. Overall it has been a very positive experience for the whole family. She is actually attending the same Christian pre-school Arthur went to during our STINT year, so it is fun to see some familiar faces and have her in a program we already love.



Kat's first day of school

Please pray for all of us as we adjust to a life stage and schedule that is very new, especially for Katherine and me (Karen). I have been presented with enough tempting “opportunities” to fill literally every child-free minute with Cru work, church-related activities and volunteering at schools. I am excited to step into a role as a Missional Coach (we talked about this months ago in a newsletter but it was called “Transition Coaching” at that point). I’m really excited to come alongside people and help them process “living on God’s mission” wherever they are. Would you please join me in praying for wisdom in using my time and energy? Certain priorities and roles are obvious, so I want to trust that “the rest of it” will become clear over time :)

WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

Jeff asked to bring my camera Full Sail so his mom could be the photographer at an important event (see front page). I didn’t want to send it. Nothing personal at all, just what if it got lost? What if it got broken? What if the battery got used up and I needed it before I remembered to charge it? (which reminds me...) It was a special gift for me, why do I need to send MY stuff when Jeff goes out to do ministry and I don’t even get to come? Wah, wah, wah. So I said “please don’t ask me” and my darling husband let it go. A while later, as they were pulling out of the driveway, I felt the Spirit of God impress on my heart, “how about that camera of mine that I let you use?”

Yikes! I belong to God, and so does everything I own. I ran and got the camera. God even graciously gave me a little extra time because Jeff needed to put something in the garage and I caught them at the end of the driveway. I handed that camera to his mom with a big smile and Jeff must have thought I was crazy! I explained it to him later, along with how grateful I was that God had made Himself so clear to me and given me that chance to honor Him as the true Owner of all the stuff I get to use. It’s a good reminder that we are stewards—not owners—of our talents, resources and time.



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