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# Kyle Connection

ministry in perspective



## PRAISE

This week, we handed out 3,000 Bibles to Freshman while they filled out contact cards. For the next 3 weeks, our Bible study leaders will be following up with each one.



## MORE FROM EAST ASIA...

*By the time week three rolled around, our whole fam was exhausted! With the classes we were taking in the morning, the ministry we were doing in the afternoon and evening, and the fam events like Bible study and prayer time, we were all essentially working fourteen hours a day. While this accomplishes a lot in terms of building relations with the campus and meeting/sharing with East Asian students, it is also ripe for burn-out. So that weekend, we took a restful retreat to a mountain town for a casual hike in the middle of the night to watch the sunrise. Sounds great...in theory! But theory and reality, as I've learned over and over in physics, are not always the same thing...*

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## EAST ASIA HAPPENINGS

If there is one thing that I learned from East Asia this summer, it is that God is working tremendously! Since the beginnings of the Church after Christ ascended, the Gospel has primarily been moving westward. We see this with Paul as the Holy Spirit prohibits him from going to Asia in Acts 16:6. Instead, the Gospel spread through Asia Minor and into Rome. Over the centuries, it continued westward into Europe and parts of Africa before making the trek to the Americas. Now, as the Gospel has powerfully started to impact Asia, a new missionary force is being raised up in numbers even surpassing the United States. These believers are heading to the countries of Central Asia with the purpose of taking the Gospel back to Jerusalem!

This is what I entered into this summer! My team and I were a part of bringing the Gospel into a part of Asia where no missionaries had ever been. And it was amazing to see what God did. While we were there, we took language and culture classes to help us adjust to the very different lifestyle in Asia. It was through these classes that we each learned a ton about the people that we were ministering to and where my heart continued to grow for the Asian people.

Probably the most exciting part though, was seeing what God could do with individual lives. The first week we were there, we found this

awesome coffee shop right next to campus. The owner, Francisco, opened an American style coffee shop because he loved America. The funny thing is that he had never been to America, had never seen an American, and didn't even speak English! But hey, he ended up being one of the most special people we met all summer. I remember sitting down in his shop several times and he would come up to me extremely excited. He would pull out his computer and start typing away, letting the computer translate his writing into English for me. I showed him pictures of my home in California and my family while he searched all over his computer trying to find pictures to show me. He truly loved each of us Americans and his coffee shop became a safe place for us in the midst of a security-nightmare closed country.

Francisco continued to love on us all summer long, throwing dumpling-making parties for us and lighting off fireworks in a late celebration of the 4th of July! But as the summer progressed, our hearts broke for him. Our focus for evangelism was on the campus that we were on. We began to question whether it was even



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For God to continue working through the missionaries in East Asia as they pick up right where we left off this summer.

- For Francisco in his new relationship with Christ!

- For God to continue transforming Freshman's hearts as they hear the Gospel, many of them for the first time.

- For my continued reliance on God, especially through prayer this year.

- For God to show me exactly where He is calling me after this year.

## EAST ASIA HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

ok with all of the security concerns to share the Gospel with him. And so for four weeks, we didn't. As God continued to work on campus though, we realized that He was not limited in how He works. He had specifically put Francisco into our lives for a reason and we needed to trust Him with that, security concerns and all!

Later that week, my co-leader Goodwin who was fluent in the language, was able to sit Francisco down and share the Gospel. It was incredible! Their conversation literally lasted for six hours. But Francisco did not make a decision for Christ. We got on a plane two days later a little heartbroken that Francisco may never get to hear about Christ's love again.

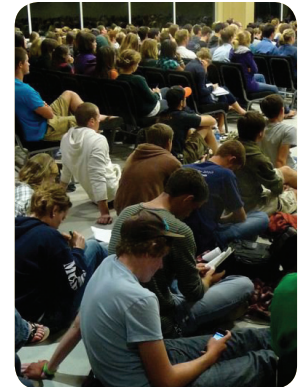
We traveled throughout Asia for three days

## FROM ASIA TO SLO

God obviously did an incredible work this summer as He changed the lives of 37 people, but God was not done there! As I transitioned from East Asia to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo (SLO), prayer was probably the biggest thing that came with me. I had seen the power of prayer in East Asia quite literally, everything from protecting our team to making Bibles appear in people's bedrooms since Bibles are not readily available over there. So I continued praying. I prayed for God to grow our ministry here in SLO, I prayed for God to move in the Freshman class powerfully, and I prayed for God to do something incredible within our ministry. And He definitely has. We have never seen a response quite like what is happening right now. Last week, we had our first weekly meeting. Students started pouring in and we quickly ran out of chairs. We ended up grabbing every chair in the building and still had people sitting on the floor. What was even crazier though is that we ran out of room to sit people on the floor. We literally had people standing in the doorways and looking into the room from the lobby! The picture on the first page is from our weekly meeting this week and you can't even see one of the sections!

before heading to the airport to go back to America. As we were boarding the plane, we decided to give Francisco one more call to say goodbye as a team and thank him for how he had served us over the summer. When he picked up, he immediately said, "I'm ready to accept Christ now, how do I do it?" What followed was a combination of shocked expressions on all of our faces followed by an outpouring of tears. And right there, on the phone with us, Francisco gave his life to Christ. We now have a new brother, one who is continuing to serve the missionaries that came in after us and one who is dedicated to the Lord. We boarded the plane truly realizing how wonderful God is and how perfect His plan and His timing are. What an awesome end to a summer!

But God didn't just work in getting people to our weekly meeting, God also opened the hearts of the Freshman class. We had several Bible study leaders go into the dorms for the first time this last week. They walked up to



doors of a couple of Freshman and knocked, which is an extremely scary thing in and of itself. They were greeted with, "You are from Crusade?" which was then immediately followed with people running up and down the halls screaming, "Crusade's here!" Doors flew open, people started making phone calls to their friends who weren't there, and now, almost an entire dorm wants to be involved in their Bible study. This wasn't unique to this dorm. All over campus, Freshman have been receptive like never before to the Gospel and to God's work here at Cal Poly. What an incredible God we serve who is faithful to answer prayers.

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