

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.” 2 Corinthians 10:4 NIV

Hello Friend!

What better time than now? Campus ministry continues without being on campus. I am ready to launch something new. The isolation seems to have increased students desire to connect with each other and seek God in this uncertain time. On September 24, I will launch a group with my student leaders inviting lost students to engage with deep questions and the basics of the gospel. My student leaders have been praying and inviting their friends to come and the moment feels like a monumental opportunity to build community and introduce people to Christ. Would you please be in prayer for my student leaders, the friends they are inviting, the 11 weeks our group will meet? With the opportunity being great, we need prayer backing us and softening the hearts of those who join. All the students who attend will be receiving a personalized welcoming bag.

Sonia a student from Malaysia has been transformed. I met Sonia a year ago and I could see she deeply desired friendship but was afraid to be open or vulnerable with anyone. With the start of the quarantine I invited her to be a part of a Bible study which she took a hold of and it took ahold of her. In the areas where her anger at God made her certain He did not speak to her, she realized God was not angry at her and she was able to hear His voice. She recently told me this, “Last year I went to a psychologist and he said it would take me years to change but I can tell you God has changed me in 6 months where I was broken and abused God healed my heart and I am no longer anxious and scared the way I used to be.” Now when I look at her I see joy and the love of God beaming through her. God is near to the broken hearted and He has the power to heal every heart.

Cara, my twenty-something surfing friend just went into full-time ministry! Over the last 5 years I've had the privilege of investing time, mentoring, praying, and surfing with Cara. Cara was a student leader on her college campus and felt the call to ministry but found the idea of raising her own financial support team daunting. Yet desiring to follow God with all her life, even her fears, she stepped up and started seeking financial partners then Covid happened yet she persisted not willing to give up her call to ministry. Today she is fully funded and reaching out to incoming college freshman as a full-time missionary. I am so proud and encouraged by her faith and faithfulness to join the team of campus missionaries.

Social Media. It's a part of my job now. I have been reaching out to new freshman primarily through social media. My desire is to gather students in order to host Bible studies and leadership classes. Thank you for battling alongside me in prayer when it comes to reaching the next generation of students.

With Love and Blessings,

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Sonia's Baptism

Prayer Points

- *Student Leaders*
- *Lost Students attending our outreach group*
- *Cara a New Campus Missionary*



Cara leading a Small Group



Campus Missionaries Gearing up for the Semester