

The Rays At UC Davis

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FINAL ISSUE

A few weeks ago Lauren asked Joanne, one of the girls in her Bible study who prayed for the first time to make Jesus Lord and Savior of her life earlier this year, to summarize how her relationship with God has grown since then. Her answer was that she has "grown in trusting God more and relying on him through prayer." Thank you for your partnership in what God has done and is doing in the lives of students like Joanne! This year has made an eternal difference for her and many others!

While we expected at least one more year at UC Davis, an increasingly clear set of circumstances over the past few months has led us to conclude that the Lord is leading us to pursue other avenues in ministry. "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." -Proverbs 16:9

As a result, we are in the process of transitioning from being full-time staff at UC Davis. In the Fall, I (Josh) will be attending **Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary** in Mill Valley, CA, which is in the North Bay Area. Concurrently, Lauren will be working and exploring other options with her Kinesiology degree.

While both Lauren and I feel a sense of loss about leaving full-time staff, we also feel hopeful, nervous, and optimistic about the next steps God is leading us towards.

As of July 1st, we have moved to an Associate Staff status with The Navigators. While we are no longer full-time, our account remains open and we are reimbursed for ministry expenses we incur.

To finish the year well (our fiscal year ends August 31st) we would like to ask you to consider a final gift to our ministry to help us finish the year fully funded. We are in need of additional gifts--continued monthly giving and special one-time gifts as well. Will you prayerfully consider continuing your investment in this ministry and a special gift at this time to help us meet our goal? Please feel the freedom to respond as God leads (see 2 Corinthians 9:7).

Thank you all so much for your support over the past several years. God truly has used your prayers and gifts to change our lives and the lives of the students and staff we have been privileged to serve with.

While this may be the last paper newsletter we send, if you'd like to follow our exploits you can check out my blog at **misterjoshuaray.wordpress.com** or write/email us at the addresses listed at the bottom of this page.

We have enclosed a small envelope with our summer address for those of you who would like to send us a note, your prayer requests, or something else.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

With love and thankfulness for each and every one of you and your partnership as we have labored to reach and disciple college students,



Please pray:

- For Lauren and myself to continue to trust God in this transition.
- For the ten (!!!) students from Davis who are at a Navigator Summer Training Program in Fullerton, CA this summer.
- For the students and staff at Davis as the Nav ministry enters it's 2nd year this fall!