

We're Married!

Written by Kylie Liu

Anxiety then relief. After planning for over a year and anticipating our wedding, it was so fulfilling to see everything come together and so pleasant to just be in the moment, taking it all in. Praise the Lord! Each component of the wedding went as we planned and mostly according to our schedule. Our ideas, though seemingly unconnected at first, were meaningful to us and hopefully created a comfortable environment for our guests - to laugh, cry, worship, fellowship, and dance. The gathering of all our friends and family was a powerful testament to God's provision in our lives and the strong community He has given us over the years. Whether family, childhood friendships, or relationships developed in San Diego, it was a blessing to see everyone again and to be reminded of the support we have. How special was it to spend an entire day with the people we love and who love us!



Adventure and rest. If the wedding was not enough of an adventure, the trip to Vancouver and Alaskan cruise definitely were. Our honeymoon was a relaxing and awesome time of getting away and being in God's creation. We explored the city of Vancouver, mixing new finds with familiarity. One day, we covered a science museum and the Costco food court; another day we toured a theater and shopped at H-Mart. We also ventured to Stanley Park and truly enjoyed watching the rain for a short portion of our day. Heading into Alaska, we were slightly concerned

about the weather, but God was so good and gave us an entire week of clear skies. Each port we were out and about through town, close to glaciers, and along nature trails. We hiked, ate dungeness crab, discovered waterfalls, saw wildlife, and resisted the temptation to shop. We also had the opportunity to share many onboard meals with the same families, forming quick bonds and telling stories about our lives and our sights for the day. It was a neat reminder of how easy it can be to find something in common and how often that can lead to outreach. In addition to a few pounds of weight, we gained a sense of admiration for God's work and a wonder for what else He has in store.



The month of July was definitely exciting for us. Now through the end of August, we have recovered and come back to reality. There has been lots of change yet much of the same. Now, being married, we do not have to go our separate ways each night. Instead, there is no escape from one another or from each other's habits. We still attend the same church, but now, we can carpool. Work still keeps us busy but this year with different responsibilities and projects. It has been such a blessing to walk beside each other through it all, to learn the new together and to build on the old. We are discovering more about how to balance the daily demands and how to show support as spouses. We are enjoying this new season, and we are settling into life as the Liu's.

LTC 2016: The Disciple Ship

Written by Jon Liu

84 students, 14 campus ministers, 2 AACF resources, 5 guest speakers, and their 2 children attended LTC 2016. The theme, Disciple Ship, talked about being a disciple of Jesus and discipling others. It was a week of equipping student leaders and ministering to Christians navigating their faith as young adults in college.

The photo collage gives a snapshot of the ministry that happened at The Oaks Camp and Conference Center. Our schedule began with morning prayer. An optional component of the conference, students woke up in the morning to meet with the Lord in corporate and personal prayer. Next came the training tracks. The tracks equipped students for critical ministry components: bible study, body life (koinonia), core coordinators, discipleship, evangelism, prayer, small group, and worship. After lunch, we had corporate bible study and then team building. The evening kicked off with our speaker, Pira Tritasavit. The pinnacle was evening campus times when the student leaders reflected on their previous year and discerned God's leading for the upcoming school year.

LTC 2016 was a demanding conference. We were shorthanded on staff. Many of us had to take on additional responsibilities to fill the gaps: leading workshops, guiding unstaffed campuses in team building and planning, and supporting one another. All glory goes to God who has equipped each of the campus ministers for this week of ministry: their knowledge, gifting, and personal testimonies.

Serving at LTC was a break from the administrative responsibilities of the directorship. It was a chance to minister to young student leaders. It reminded me of the reason why I was led to vocational ministry. I was drawn to ministry to lead people into God's presence and to help them discover their God given calling. That desire and calling continues as I take on the full responsibilities of the directorship. That calling frames my vision for the legacy of my leadership.

I am thankful for the week we had in the mountains. It was a week of ministry to young leaders and of fellowship with like-minded Christians. It was a blessed week. Thank you for your prayers. They covered us as we navigated a demanding week. I am grateful for your faithfulness to the ministry and to God. All glory to God!



JEMS Mount Hermon 2016

Written by Jon Liu

Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society was founded after World War II. Its vision was to equip and send missionaries to bring Gospel to Japan. Today JEMS now engages all people through its ministries with local churches, campus groups, conferences, retreats, and other ministries. ACF is the campus ministry of JEMS, and one of the longest running ministries is the JEMS Mount Hermon camps.



This year, JEMS Mount Hermon hosted its 66th camp (it started in 1950)! Currently Mount Hermon runs six camps including family camp (young families), junior high camp (6th & 7th grade), interhigh camp (8th & 9th grade), senior high (10th-12th grade), college camp, and special camp. Counting all attendees there were about 1,200 at the 66th annual JEMS Mount Hermon Camp. I was one of them.

I had the privilege of visiting all the camps. Rick Chuman, JEMS Executive Director, invited me to visit these camps to get a glimpse of the lives that are touched by the ministry of JEMS. I was pleasantly surprised by how many ACF alumni were at Family Camp. There were many who attended ACF as students or were former ACF campus ministers. I listened to their stories of how the ministry of ACF impacted their lives – lifelong friendships, vision for ministry, and a spiritual community. There were even current ACF students serving as cabin leaders in the various camps.

Attending JEMS Mount Hermon opened my eyes to the legacy of JEMS and ACF. I realized that I am a recipient of generations of faithful disciples who sacrificed and labored for God's kingdom. I was blessed by those who started ACF UCSD in 1984. I was blessed by those who sustained and grew the ministry of ACF over the next 19 years until in 2003 when it was my turn to contribute in the legacy of JEMS and ACF. ACF UCSD is still meeting and impacting lives in 2016! Many of us are the fruit of someone else's faithfulness: a friend who shared the gospel, a parent who brought us to church, or a pastor who explained the gospel to us. We are all part of a legacy; the legacy of God's love. Each of us participates as we fulfill the great commission (Matt 28:19-20). We receive in order to embody and proclaim the good news! I pray that each of you will sense God's leading in your daily lives: a person to talk to, a ministry to join, a gift to give, a song to sing.



A photo of JEMS Junior High Camp staff from 2004. I had to opportunity to serve with several other ACF UCSD students. It was a weeklong camp with almost 100 6th and 7th graders. The fellowship among the cabin leaders, deans, directors, and resource was great. The ministry to junior high students was life changing. Several students made life commitments to Jesus. Several students recommitted their lives to Jesus. It was at the JEMS junior high camp where I first imagined vocational ministry.

Prayer Requests from Jon Liu

Courage.Fall Launch

The school year has begun for our semester chapters: CSULB, Cal, SJSU, and SFSU. Our quarter chapters start in late September. Pray for our students. Pray that they will courageously embody and proclaim the Gospel to the unsaved on their campuses.

Wisdom.Strategic Planning

As the AACF Director, I will be discerning and implementing a long term strategic plan, God's strategic plan for AACF. Pray that I will be a wise and humble steward of AACF. I will be navigating organizational changes and cultural shifts to multiply the impact of AACF.

Compassion.Marriage

Kylie and I are in our first year of marriage! We're still trying to figure it out. We're both in demanding jobs (Kylie is a special education teacher, I am a director of a non-profit). We are learning how to support one another and be gracious to another when our energy is depleted and our stress levels are high.

Hospitality.Community

Kylie and I are attending FCBC LA. We have been praying about being life-giving members to the church. Right now we are discerning how God wants us to be involved as servants. There are many opportunities to serve. Pray that we may put aside selfish wants and trivial fears so that we may serve others. Pray that our works will be an overflow of God's love.

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