



# Cal Poly Pomona

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## Awake My Soul



(Above): At the border of Arizona on our road trip into Tucson. (Right): New students like Laura, and Tara (outside) joined with older students like Lauren (middle) to share their faith on the day of outreach.



(Left): Muslim outreach was new for many students, but felt a bit like home for me.

Yesterday I was so happy! It was a clear 70-something and as my body absorbed every ounce of sunshine it could, my mind absorbed the happiness that sunshine brings. A couple days previously it was a drizzly-gray, and a week before that was Spring Break in Tucson, where the weather was a beautiful crisp warm. What is it about the spring weather that brings hope and inspiration? Happiness and optimism?

Last week 64 students spent five days in Tucson, joining the Arizona Campus Crusade staff in ministry at the University of Arizona campus and a neighboring community college. It was amazing! So many of our students were able to share their faith for the first time to peers that were open, friendly, and receptive.

Along with ministry on these two campuses, Cal Poly Pomona (and UC Irvine) did a service project for the church we were staying at and a local Muslim outreach center. We also were able to take part in engaging in an evening of Muslim training and an outreach focused on Arabs through a dinner and hang-out time at the local center. It was a wonderful to feel back in Firelands, if only for four hours, while I talked with a young woman from the United Emirates about her life in the states, her beliefs, and the enormous cultural differences that she has experienced.

After being back from Tucson, a time filled with faith-led ministry and Gospel-centered talks, my mind moves on towards what's next. What's next this quarter, what's next this fall. Where will I be and what will I do? As I am writing this, a song called "Awake My Soul" came on with these profound words; "where you invest your love, you invest your life." What a challenge! Where am I going to invest my love next week? Next quarter? Next fall? Where am I going to invest my life?

Sunshine brings optimism and hope, happiness and possibility. But the Lord will always bring love, and that love will bring me life. I need to remember this as I think about my future, and what I want to do with the love that God has entrusted to me.

In Christ,

*Rachel Anderson*

### Please join me in praying for...

- Praise: Spring Break was great! Everything went smooth, lots of people heard the Gospel, and students were exposed to all types of evangelism.
- Wisdom and guidance for where I will be and what I will be doing next year.
- That the spring quarter will be refreshing, even though it already is packed full of events.
- That the selection of new student leaders will be smooth and directed by the Lord.

### 3 Things that are Awesome about Tucson, Arizona

- They have one of the most legit restaurants ever: Cracker Barrel.
- They have lots of interesting things like a bridge that looks like a snake, winged buffalo standing on a boat that's sitting on top of a building, and laws that allow dogs to sit in vintage-blue colored sidecars of motorcycles (belted in, of course).
- They survived 64 crazy Californians for 5 days :) Very courageous.

Psalm 57: 8,10 "Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn...For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies."

