

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
John 20:21

CALEB & LAURA COOK



"I want friends I can talk to about God like they do," thought Vanessa as she left her first Destino meeting at Texas A&M.

Vanessa grew up in the border town of Laredo, and she and her mom attended the local Catholic church. Vanessa knew God existed, but she had never before heard people talk about Him as personally as they had that night – in both English and Spanish!

She longed to understand more. It wasn't long before she opened her heart to Christ.

As Vanessa grew in faith, she took bold steps. She ventured on a Destino Summer Mission in the Mediterranean, and she was thrilled with how God used her in the lives of others.

In 2013, Vanessa committed to spend a year in Venezuela reaching students for Christ. Her team focused not only on evangelism but also on strategically equipping students who were believers to take over leadership of the ministry.

Vanessa is now on staff with Destino in San Antonio, and a great joy for her has been discipling young women.

Women like Elya. Elya had given her life to Christ as a child, but circumstances, including a bad relationship, had driven her away from Him. But God wooed her back through the Destino family and especially Vanessa. As they met together throughout the year, Vanessa saw Elya move from brokenness and sadness to light, joy and deep intimacy with Jesus.

God has used Vanessa to lead young women to the Lord and to facilitate a campus Bible study, as well as to disciple students to consistently grow in their faith – and she's done it in English and in Spanish.

She exclaims, "I feel like this is what God has designed me to do!"

We had the privilege of serving on the same team with Vanessa in San Antonio. Her story illustrates so well many of the things we are trusting God to do through campus movements in cities like Los Angeles, Miami, Denver, Minneapolis, San Diego, and San Antonio. Leaders across the country are busy meeting students on campus and building relationships that point people to Christ.

As the school year begins, please pray together with us that God opens doors on more and more campuses and within more and more communities this fall. Please pray with us that more students like Vanessa and Elya can hear the good news of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with God in the context of life changing community. Your partnership is making a difference in the lives of college students. Thank you!

Caleb + Laura



Banner: Vanessa (left center) with Destino students in San Antonio



Top Right: We got a quick visit in to WI to spend time with family before school starts. The kids loved riding in "Grandpa's boat"!

Bottom: Our little Abigail will be 4 months old soon! She loves smiling, rolling, and always being a part of the action.

Prayer Requests:

Caleb has started classes for the fall. Please continue to pray for his semester.

Please pray for the Intro to Mission class that Caleb is coaching for 8 new staff.

Please pray for Vanessa, Destino staff and leaders, and the college students in San Antonio and across the country.



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