

“Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.” Eph. 6:19

Dear Friends: Spring has arrived and we are loving it! We hope you are having warmer weather as well and that you and your family are thriving. I (Allison) wanted to write this month's letter to share a neat story we recently heard from a friend in Hawaii. The story goes back to the years when Darin was a student at Stanford and has to do with sharing our faith. One of our goals with LOGOS Leaders Outreach is to emphasize evangelism, so hopefully this story will encourage us all to be bold with those who don't know the Lord.

As the story goes, while at Stanford, Darin ran into a fellow athlete from Hawaii named Kiha. He was on the football team and they had many things in common to talk about. Darin, at one point, asked Kiha a pointed question: “Do you know Jesus?” Kiha responded affirmatively and a spiritual conversation ensued. Asking this often helps clarify what it means to have a personal relationship with God. It also helps to follow this question by explaining that, “it is not enough to just know God like we might know the President.” Recently Kiha emailed Darin to thank him for that conversation. Here is what he said:

“Your note is timely as my life has never been the same since you led me to The Lord, brother, Darin. It is my joy to serve Him. I remember you asking me if I knew Jesus. My sassy reply was ‘I knew Jesus all my life.’ You responded that I know Jesus in the same way I know the president. That was a good one.”

Darin, in that conversation, was trying to get Kiha to “think”, and to realize that there is a difference between “knowing *about* someone” and “*KNOWING* someone.” It shows the importance of intentionally bringing Jesus into a conversation and gently challenging someone's “sassy answer.” Darin's boldness in this conversation challenges me! I need the boldness of the Lord to talk with people about Jesus. It reminds me of Paul's words in Ephesians 6:19,20. Prayerfully, we can engage others as God gives us boldness.

One last part of the story. Kiha has recently switched vocations and has been chosen to be “coach” to the 53 Foursquare pastors in Hawaii! Also, he adds, (knowing Darin's high school friendship with President Obama) “Now I tell people that the guy who led me to Jesus – knows Jesus AND the president!” Kiha's ongoing ministry makes us grateful and motivated to keep reaching out to more men.



We enjoyed Easter this month with the blessing of having everyone home. We had great talks and worship together with a fun picture before our older ones went back to college.

During the year everyone receiving this gets prayed for still by name at least once for each letter, so please request prayers about anything going on or others you know with needs whenever you'd like to have something special offered.

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