

## Campus Surge

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The L.A. Church's campus ministries helped more than 100 college students become true disciples of Jesus Christ last year.

One of the new Christians is Long Beach City College student Hector Perez, for whom the Holy Spirit took a unique route in calling:

A group of disciples went to Santa Barbara in the summer and shared their faith to prepare the ground for a campus mission team planting.

There, Long Beach campus minister Steve Stevenson shared his faith with Hector's girlfriend, Yasmin Reyes. She was open to the gospel, so Steve connected her with Santa Barbara women's ministry leader, Rebekah Tang, who began to teach Yasmin how to become a Christian.

Yasmin then invited Hector, who lives in Long Beach, to go with her to a campus ministry retreat in San Diego. There, she introduced him to Steve (the guy who first shared with her) and brothers who attend college in Long Beach. After learning the basics of Christianity, Hector and Yasmin both submitted their lives and hearts to the Lordship of Jesus and were baptized in November.

Hector, a United States Marine Reservist who has served in Iraq, will leave for Afghanistan later this year. He said he is looking forward to sharing his faith with fellow Marines.

In Orange County, the campus ministry saw 22 college students baptized and/or restored in 2007. The group now has 63 students.