

Here Comes the Sun

Ministry Update of Epic Movement staff, Whitney Chen, in Southern California

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may **HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY.**"

JOHN 10:10 (ESV)

mentioned the eclipse, I would not have even known what was going on, nor what to look for! I sometimes experience ministry and life feeling like that. I'm sure that exceptional things are happening but I have no idea what to look for or what it is! However, this month, by God's grace, He's shown me one amazing moment that I'm going to hold onto forever. It's a not-so-rare occurrence where God uses a student's faith and life to change mine.

This time two years ago, UCI senior, Michael (with whom I'd had *maybe* one very brief conversation) decided to join me and twelve other students on a summer project (missions trip) to Kyoto, Japan. I had NO idea what God was doing in Michael's life/faith. During our trip to Japan I got to know him and noticed him to be consistently thoughtful, humble, dependable, brave, and a lot of fun to have on our team. We became friends and I enjoyed our conversations a lot! Still, I had no expectation that two years later, on solar-eclipse-Sunday, I'd be standing on the beach in Corona Del Mar, CA watching him declare to his family, friends, and whoever went to the beach that afternoon that he and all he is belongs to Jesus Christ alone!

He shared about how initially he wasn't sure he was a Christian--he doubted that God was real and could reach out to him. But the crazy thing, and perhaps THE reason I've discovered I *have to* do what I do with Epic: **even in his unbelief, Michael still hoped and wanted God to be real and wanted a true relationship with Him to be possible.** In Japan, he realized he stopped second-guessing God and His existence. I pray and hope Michael never returns to that place of doubt and continues to bravely follow and praise the Lord! And I'm so grateful to have been able to witness Michael's journey and recognize that there ARE people who want God and want to know Him. Thank you for sending me to find them and help show them that it's true!!



Thank you, so much!

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A note from me to you...

Who witnessed/noticed the solar eclipse, Sunday May 20th?! All I really noticed because of a light layer of fog near my apartment was the sky getting dimmer and then being bright again! But honestly, if the pastor at the church I attended that Sunday hadn't



PRAYERS & PRAISE!

Please pray for:

- CSULB, UCI, and UCR Epic students to end the year well--academically and spiritually
 - Graduating seniors to experience peace, gratefulness, encouragement, and purpose as they move on from undergrad
 - God to raise new partners--still need about 13 more people on my monthly financial and prayer support team before I can report to my assignment!
 - Our SW SoCal Epic team by name: Nich and Tricia (and baby, Naomi), Larry, Robbyn, Daniel, and Tim
- Praise God for:



- Getting to celebrate great friends' (L-R: fellow Epic New Staff, Emily, & good friend, Val) marriages!
- His provision and generosity for you and me as I raise support!
- God moving at Spring Launch and other end of the year events