

Mark 16:15 (NIV) 15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Matthew 28:19 (ESV) 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

The idea for this originally came from an experience in college where we took a trip to SOU to tour the campus and meet with the various departments. This helped people decide if they wanted to go to SOU, change majors or if a 4 year degree was even a consideration. I thought the same principle could be applied to YWAM and missionary work, to take a "field trip" to YWAM for the purpose of exploring what missionary life was like, but it has grown into something more. Matt Heverly has talked extensively about the purpose of church, it's not a place to hold up while we wait for Jesus to return. Church is where we gather to plan how we are going to advance God's kingdom into enemy territory to reach people with the good news of the Gospel, to bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is despair and purpose where there is meaninglessness. As Carlos Penning, Director of YWAM Chico said, our "mission field is wherever our feet are planted". The purpose of this training is to equip you to deliver the gospel wherever you are and to also give you a chance to explore missionary life if that is something you have on your heart. You will learn from full time missionaries and then get opportunities to actually do field work and put into practice what you have learned. We are also going to have fun, a lot of it! There are swimming parties and BBQ's planned not to mention fellowship and the joy that comes from developing our skills to be more effective in delivering the Gospel to a world that is crying out for the life giving water that it holds. The time is now, the field is ready for the harvest and we have a lot to do. Brandon Heath said it best in his song "The Harvester":

For all that we've grown
How could we forget
Those who don't know
Or just don't know yet
Let's harvest this field
From sunrise to sunset
The Master is coming
We are not done yet

Join us and YWAM in Chico for a summer of service and training as we equip ourselves to bring in the harvest. We have been prepared "for such a time as this" Esther 4:14.