



## The Calm Before the Storm!

“Who is Johnny Cash?”, wondered my friend Jimil as we began our walk by Folsom Lake. Myself and a friend of our ministry, Vern, took a group of students out to the Johnny Cash Trail in Folsom. Vern explained to them about the history of Johnny Cash visiting Folsom prison to sing to the inmates. Taking the students on the trail was a great time of building relationships. With the stressful summer they’ve had and the campus being closed, they appreciated having a day out before their **heavy packed online** semester started.

Jimil (pictured on the right) and his friends are students from India who attend Sac State.

During our walk, I asked Jimil about **Ganesh Utsav**, a Hindu festival that happened last week. I found out that it is celebrating the arrival of Ganesh to earth from Kailash Parvat with his mother Goddess Parvati/Gauri. The festival is marked with the installation of Ganesh clay idols privately in homes, or publicly on elaborate pandals. I got to share with him how Christians have Christmas, which **celebrates the arrival of Jesus Christ** to earth to save us from our sins.



After the walk, I drove the students to Folsom Lake where they met up with their friends for fun in the water. **Please pray for them and their online studies for this semester.**

### Prayers and Praises

- Pray that the students I work with will see the love of Christ displayed in my service to them.
- Pray for the students who are under the bondage of Hinduism. Though the festivals are beautiful, the spiritual darkness and idolism are strong. God showed me this last week, when I visited South Asian friends who had a Ganesh Idol out on display.
- Pray for my sudden longing to minister to Muslims. In the last week God has provided opportunities for me to talk about Jesus with Muslim students from Iraq, Pakistan, and Mecca (Saudi). There are many barriers they have towards the gospel.
- Pray for our Instagram ad giveaway. We will be paying for ads that will ask international students to fill out a survey to be put into a raffle for a prize!
- Praise God for our Zoom prayer night we hosted. It was a great time of inviting friends of the ministry to join us in praying for our students.
- Praise God for a successful Sac City College online orientation presentation. The Muslim student from Pakistan mentioned above was online in the meeting and reached out to us.