

LIGHT SHINES THE BRIGHTEST IN DARKNESS



MISSION ISLA VISTA

THE NEED



IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT LIGHT SHINES THE BRIGHTEST IN THE DARKNESS.

Isla Vista has had many dark moments over the years, the latest being the 2014 shooting massacre, leaving 7 dead.

In a city like "never-never land," the parties are constant and the needs of our city are always before us. Our focus has always been on seeking the light, while also acknowledging the spiritual warfare that is very real in our city. The need for Jesus is very great.

**MASS KILLINGS
NATIONAL NEWS**
2014

**4 HISTORICAL
RIOTS**
1970-2014

**20,000-40,000
PEOPLE PARTY**
HALLOWEEN WEEKEND



HISTORY AT A GLANCE



HISTORY



MISSION ISLA VISTA

WE BEGAN IN 2001 WITH A HEART TO REACH A CITY FULL OF COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS.

After obtaining a ministry house in the middle of Del Playa Dr. (an ocean front street infamous for it's weekend party scene), a group of young people began to meet together on Sunday mornings in the front yard of the house to have a church service.

Our main outreach ministry, Jesus Burgers, came out of this desire, and has been going strong since 2001. We faithfully pass out around 200 free hamburgers to hungry party-goers every Friday night with a mission to love on them and bless them, expecting nothing in return. The city has grown to love and deeply appreciate this ministry.

Community living is another staple for MIV, as we have had a number of community homes over the years. The city of Isla Vista, a very densely packed 1/2 square mile of approximately

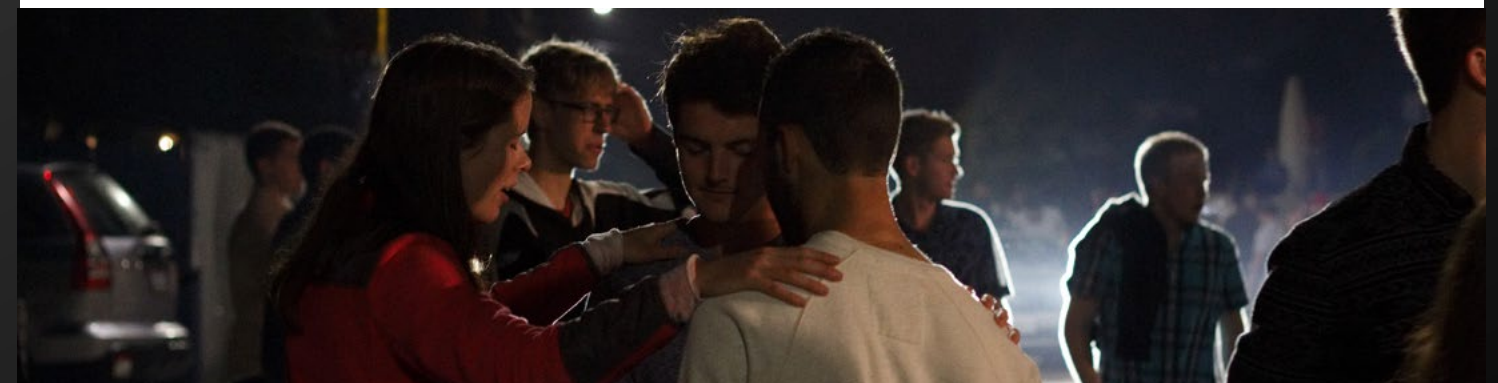
20,000 people (mostly students), lends well to community. Isla Vista has a very laid back atmosphere as a college beach / surf town.

"The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." - JOHN 1:14A THE MESSAGE

17+ YEARS
SINCE 2001 / LONGEVITY

60+ NATIONS
COME TO IV - GLOBAL IMPACT

100,000+
BURGERS SERVED WITH LOVE



WHY



WHY ISLA VISTA?

- Over 20,000 people in 1/2 sq. mile, mostly students.
- A combination of University of California, Santa Barbara & Santa Barbara City College students.
- One of the top party schools in the nation.
- Facilitates community exceptionally well due to its culture and set up.
- Large turnover of students allows for an ability to influence many.
- High impact time in young people's lives.

WHY MISSION ISLA VISTA?

Because we believe God has called us here to see this city transformed by the grace, love, and light of Jesus Christ. And we want to invite others to join us on this mission!



FACTS - AT A GLANCE



60+
NATIONS COME
TO ISLA VISTA

GLOBAL IMPACT



100,000 +
OVER 100,000 BURGERS SERVED



100+ SINCE 2002
PEOPLE HAVE LIVED AT THE JESUS
BURGERS HOUSE



2001
MIV WAS BORN



+ 7 ALBUMS
PLAYED AROUND THE
WORLD



x5
BOOKS
PUBLISHED



JESUS BURGERS



PEOPLE OFTEN ASK, "WHY DO YOU GIVE BURGERS AWAY FOR FREE?"

The answer to this question is always simple and easy, "... because Jesus loves you." At Jesus Burgers, we do whatever it takes for people to understand the love of God. That may look like walking people home who have had too much to drink, allowing someone to use our bathroom, giving them a cup of water, or listening and praying for them. God's love is real; Jesus Burgers is a demonstration of that.

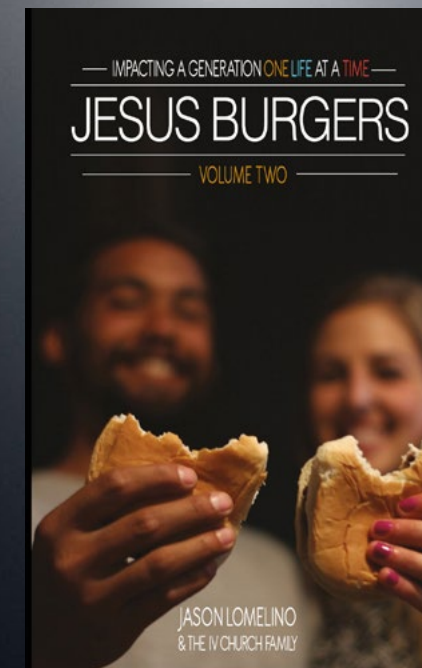
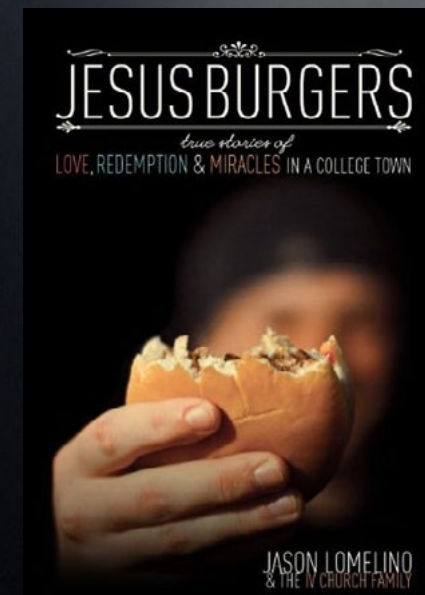
Every Friday night during the school year, 200 hamburgers are served from the Jesus Burgers house located on one of the most infamous party streets in America, Del Playa. The Jesus Burgers house and ministry has become known throughout the city of Isla Vista as a home of love and peace to a city that many have viewed as a modern Sodom and Gomorrah.

"AFTER LIVING A LIFESTYLE OF PARTIES, ALCOHOL, AND WOMEN, ONE NIGHT I RAN INTO A BUNCH OF PEOPLE AT A HOUSE PASSING OUT BURGERS FOR FREE. THIS PLACE WAS CALLED THE JESUS BURGERS HOUSE. THEY WERE NOT TRYING TO MAKE ME A PROJECT, THEY WERE SIMPLY EXTENDING KINDNESS AND LOVE. AFTER THAT, I FELL TO MY KNEES AND GAVE MY LIFE TO JESUS."

- DARREN ROUANZOIN, 2002
SENIOR PASTOR @ THE GARDEN CHURCH
IN LONG BEACH, CA



BOOKS



JESUS BURGERS BOOKS: STORIES OF SIMPLE ACTS OF LOVE.

★★★★★ This was truly inspiring!

January 1, 2013

Format: Kindle Edition | **Verified Purchase**

It was so encouraging to read about what God is doing in a college town in our own country today- not some faraway place I've never heard of! This book confirms what I have always thought was the key to seeing God transform individuals and then communities - God's unconditional love. The love that God poured into the hearts of a few college students had the power to change lives. I highly recommend this book to Christians who have become complacent and routine in their Christian walk! I will also be handing out this book to young people who are questioning their purpose in life.

★★★★★ The Raw Power of LOVE

October 1, 2012

Format: Paperback

This book is filled with stories of how a little church of believers in a one square mile college beach town - Isla Vista - are loving people into the Kingdom of God. Isla Vista Church loves people well, and through that love they allow God to use them to transform college student's lives as well as a city.

Reading this book will open your eyes to the way God is moving and changing a city that is infamously known as one of the best party schools in the nation. But you know what, where darkness is great, God's light shines greater. I hope that you will enjoy reading this book as much as I enjoyed experiencing Jesus Burgers first hand during my two years at UC Santa Barbara. Be prepared to hear raw stories of how God's love met people where they were and changed them into new men and women... this is a book you won't regret purchasing and reading. so go ahead - grab a copy and take a bite out of it :)

WORLDWIDE IMPACT



AS OTHERS HAVE HEARD ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN ISLA VISTA, MANY HAVE GONE ON TO START JESUS BURGERS IN THEIR OWN CITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

SOME OF THE PLACES WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT ARE:

- UCLA campus
- A YWAM base in Kona, Hawaii
- Chico State University, California
- San Diego State University, California
- A trailer park in Tennessee
- A parking lot in Longview, Texas
- Brazil
- Lithuania

Many have reported amazing testimonies as they have reached out with a simple hamburger and demonstrated the love of Jesus to those around them.



ISLA VISTA WORSHIP



"ALL THE EARTH WORSHIPS YOU AND SINGS PRAISES TO YOU; THEY SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME." PSALM 66:4

Isla Vista Worship is a family of worshippers who exist to lift up the name of Jesus. We write, record, and broadcast music to proclaim who God is, so that the nations may sing along. We live in Isla Vista, CA, a crazy college town right on the beach. Roughly 25,000 students, families, and everyone in-between live within one square mile. Isla Vista has always had a wild streak, and that culture has influenced the way we worship Jesus. We exist in this city to declare the goodness of God and the love He has for all of His kids through every tragedy and triumph. We've been writing songs, growing alongside our local church community, and running after the heart of the Father for this city.

9+ ALBUMS
IN 10 YEARS

GLOBAL REACH
OVER 5+ MILLION LISTENS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

TEAMS



One of the visions for the land is to provide housing for the many teams and interns that come through each year. We host approximately 8-10 visiting missions teams each year as they join us to do ministry in Isla Vista. These teams bring encouragement and fresh energy to our ministry, and also have had their lives touched and transformed as a result of their time in IV.

"Isla Vista has really helped open my eyes to the universal hunger in the human soul for something greater than ourselves. Here are all these college kids hungry and searching for SOMETHING, and it's been incredible to watch God be glorified over the years in individual lives – through healing miracles, emotional encounters, or just simple words of love and acceptance that broke down walls to reach even the hardest of hearts. I wouldn't replace one moment of the time I have spent there – I have been forever changed by IV and the community of believers there!"

- ASHLEY SOMMERVILLE, BETHEL TEAM LEADER 2014-2018

"Visiting IV and joining forces with the Lomelinos has truly changed my life. I used to struggle with intense anxiety and panic attacks but 4 years ago when I started traveling to IV everything changed. As I visited and saw remarkable miracles and God's power, suddenly my own problems and worries lost their influence. I will never be the same because of Mighty Torrents of love I have witnessed at Jesus Burgers. I have come to visit over 15 times now and a part of my heart truly lies in IV and with the Jesus Burgers ministry."

- CURTIS ROBERTS, BETHEL TEAM LEADER 2014-2018, CANADA

"Isla Vista and specifically the Lomelino family is a hidden gem in Santa Barbara County. I have been to IV and stayed with the Lomelinos four times and have always had a life changing experience when I go. Seeing how the Lomelinos love people and serve the city of IV is an inspiration. My experience with the Lomelinos has taught me what it looks like to change a city for the better."

- HUNTER PHILIPS, BETHEL TEAM LEADER 2014-2018, GEORGIA

"In the spring of 2014 we had the privilege of visiting the Lomelino family, Jesus Burgers, and Isla Vista Church for a week during a missions trip. My husband and I got to stay at their property in "the shed." To live close to them and see how they did life as a family was such a blessing to us and gave us a beautiful role model of how to combine family life and being leaders in an open home. How they live to serve people through just letting people do life with them, and in the midst of family chaos, show God's love and grace through normal life. Their open home has been a huge blessing for us as a couple, as a family, and as leaders, for how we want to do life and ministry. We actually want to take some of our leaders in our ministry in Sweden all the way to Isla Vista just to let them see and experience what we did."

- JOSEFIN LUNDSTROM, BETHEL MINISTRY TEAM MEMBER 2014, SWEDEN

INTERNS



INTERNS

We also have received approximately 30 interns in the last five years. We have hosted people from all over the world for 1-8 weeks at a time, and it has been such a blessing to have these people join us. They have poured into our community, but many have been touched in incredible ways by their time with us in IV, and it is such a joy to see lives transformed in so many ways.

"To say the two months I spent interning at Isla Vista Church were life changing is an understatement. Not only did I gain clarity on my purpose but I also gained revelation and insight into my purpose on the mission field and was able to spend time growing in my spiritual gifts. I gained a loving family of believers that continue to be mentors and friends, and a newfound freedom in Jesus. My husband and I returned home from our internship with a fresh fire for spreading the Good News and the love of Jesus we experienced. Isla Vista will forever be the city that has left the biggest mark on my life. "

- MIKAELA MCLAUGHLIN - INTERN FOR 2 MONTHS 2014

"During my time in IV I was able to relate to God as a father for the first time in my life, experience a community that felt like family, and saw the love of Jesus put into action by loving college students at Jesus Burgers. All of these things have profoundly changed my life and the way that I love God and His people." - CODY CHATFIELD, MICHIGAN

"My time in Isla Vista was life changing. I learned heaps about my spiritual gifts and how they benefit the whole church body. But above all, I experienced the love of Jesus through these beautiful amazing people in IV. Never before have I encountered such genuine love and affection for the lost, with the desire to make Jesus known in Isla Vista and the nations." - STEVI OLIVER, INTERN FOR 2 MONTHS 2013, UNITED KINGDOM

"Interning with IVC is a heart shaping event. Beyond meeting my wife at Isla Vista Church while interning with IVC and experiencing Jesus Burgers, experiencing the love of our Father in a community so fully in love with Him has so powerfully changed the way I view loving others. It leaves you wanting to further understand how deep the Father's love for us really is. It's taught me to simply trust and now my Father is far more faithful and loving than I ever could have imagined. It's enabled me to let Jesus love through me so much better by simply loving others without fear or conditions, just love and peace." - PAUL BICKLEY, INTERN FOR 1 MONTH 2017, NEW ZEALAND

ENDORSEMENTS

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT MISSION ISLA VISTA



"Don't miss this opportunity to hear this incredible story and hear God's call into a life of radical obedience for the sake of love."

JAKE HAMILTON
ONE FLESH MINISTRIES / MUSICIAN



"What Jason Lomelino and Jesus Burgers is doing in Santa Barbara is incredible. The heart to impact a community in such a simple yet innovative way truly is profound."

BANNING LIEBSCHER
SENIOR PASTOR OF JESUS CULTURE

IN THE PRESS



MIV and our work in the city has been featured both online and in printed media outlets. Articles and interviews are available online at www.jesusburgers.org

TBN
NETWORKS

JESUS
CULTURE

Los Angeles Times
CHARISMAMAGAZINE



THE LOMELINOS



JASON AND HOLLY LOMELINO HAVE SERVED THE PEOPLE OF ISLA VISTA, CALIFORNIA FOR OVER 15 YEARS.

Jason and Holly share six bouncing children, two golden retrievers, and a heart to see their small coastal town transformed by the radical love of God. They have raised their family in the heart of the city because they believe God has called them to be missionaries in the land. They are the "dad and mom" for the church community. These students get brought into the Family of God and have their lives transformed by not only Jesus, but by their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and their access to families who feel called to be missionaries in the land.



THE LAND



LAND OPPORTUNITY

The property the Lomelinos have lived on the for last 11 years (a place we have used for many church events and even at times, Sunday services, throughout the years) was put on the market about two years ago, and we have been praying for years for God to give us this land for His Kingdom. We believe God wants to give us this land to build the mission base that has been on our hearts for years to build.

It is .58 acres of mostly undeveloped land and our heart is to create a mission base in the middle of Isla Vista to help better facilitate our work in the city. God has released favor on us and allowed us the opportunity to purchase it now. But we need your help!



THE MISSIONS BASE



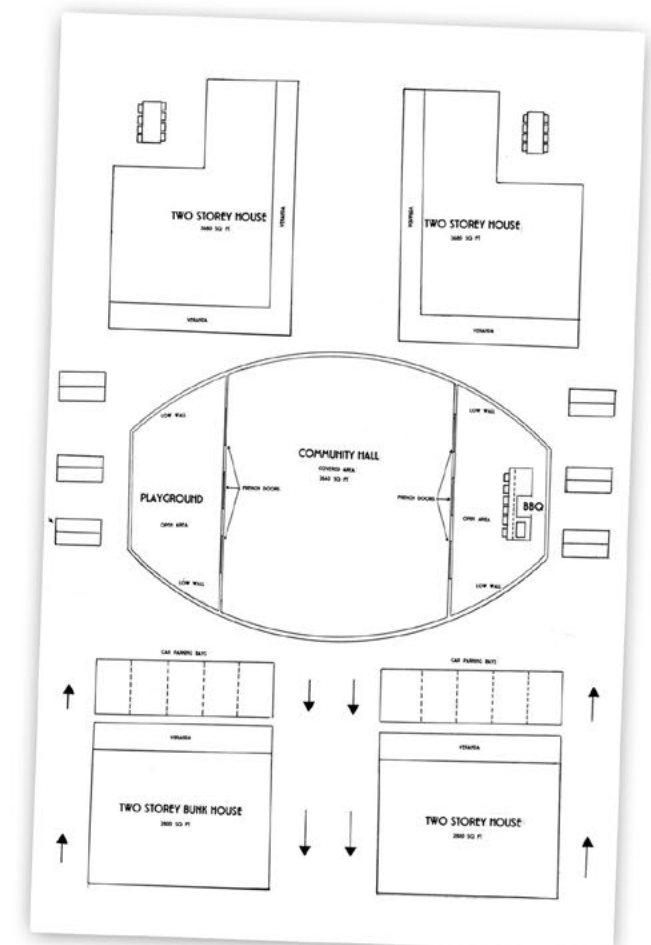
THE VISION: TO BUILD A PERMANENT RESTING PLACE FOR THE LORD IN IV, WHERE HIS PEOPLE CAN DWELL AND GATHER TOGETHER AND HIS KINGDOM CAN BE EXPANDED IN THE CITY.



BUILD THE EQUIPPING CENTER

The center will create:

1. A training center hosting classes and equipping events, conferences, a gathering place for visiting teams, fellowship events, and leadership meetings.
2. Housing for teams and interns. We receive visitors from all over the world.
3. Affordable staff housing for missionary families who feel called to Isla Vista and to IVC, including the Lomelino family.





mission base

discipleship training center

missionary family housing

team and intern housing



THE NEED



THE LAND

.58
ACRES

\$1.45 MILLION
PURCHASE PRICE

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

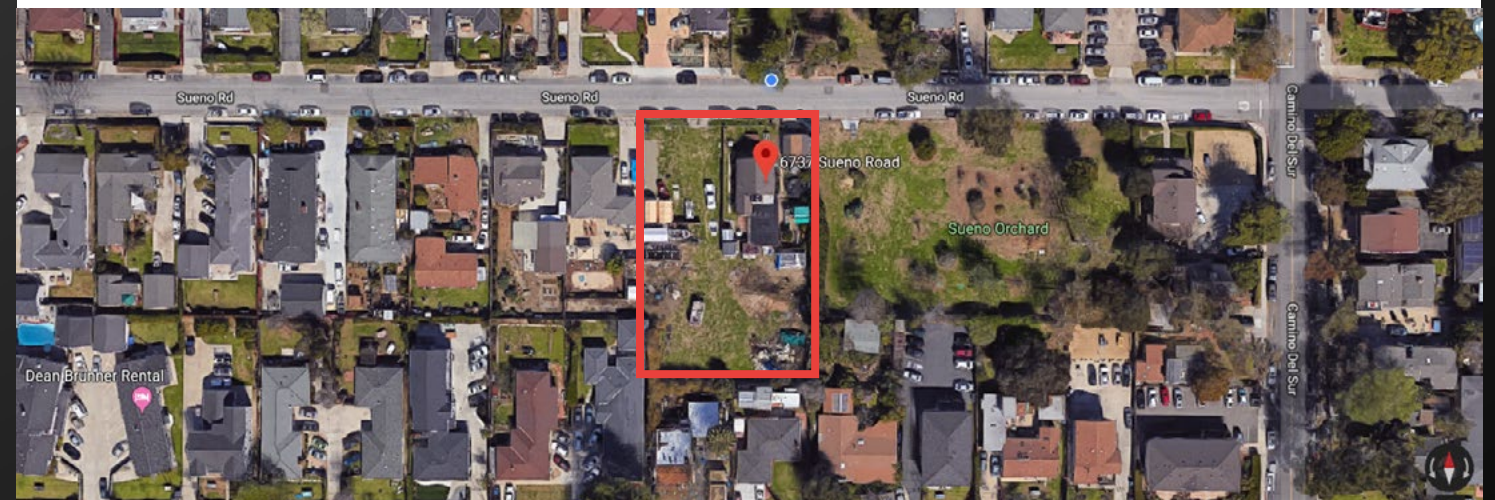
RAISED! \$200,000
DOWN PAYMENT

COVERED! \$50,000
CLOSING COSTS

NEEDED! \$1.3 MILLION
TO PAY OFF THE LAND

NEEDED! \$5 MILLION
FOR DEVELOPMENT

"I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses." - JOSHUA 1:3, NIV



GIVING



MISSION ISLA VISTA

PARTNER TO DEVELOP THE MISSION BASE IN THE MIDDLE OF ISLA VISTA.

In order to continue and now further our work in Isla Vista, we are humbly asking people to join us in partnership. We believe God wants to invite other people to participate in the amazing things God is doing in Isla Vista by partnering with us in both prayer and financial giving, and we are believing God to bless you as you do!

Please pray for God to do miracles in IV as we seek to purchase and develop this land, and to reach the youth of Isla Vista with the love and Good News of Jesus Christ.

TWO WAYS TO GIVE:

- Securely online @ missionislavista.com/giving
- Checks made out to Mission Isla Vista: Please put "field of dreams" in the memo and mail to Mission Isla Vista, PO Box 8322, Goleta, CA 93118

* All donations are tax deductible.

