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June 24, 2008 | Teresa Dunham

Liberty University's musical ministry team Exodus is living up to its name.

The six-member Christian progressive pop group left Lynchburg and journeyed across the country this summer to serve as the official in-house worship band at Hume Lake Christian Camp in California. It's one of the largest Christian summer camps in the United States, drawing 1,100 high school students weekly, for a total of 11,000.

Only two weeks into the camping season, Exodus members have already recruited 450 Liberty University applicants, and 1,000 campers have filled out inquiry cards to receive more information about the school.

This is Liberty's first massive recruitment effort on the West Coast — and if the trend continues, there could be a wave of students from the West Coast in the future.

"It's monumental in that regard," said group leader Travis Doucette, 26. "Nothing like this has ever happened for Liberty before."

Pairing the largest Christian Evangelical university in the world with one of the largest Christian summer camps in the U.S. is unique, he said. Instead of Liberty Mountain, the band is getting a view of the Rocky Mountains in the distance, overlooking a lake where campers swim and kayak.

"The camp is really regarded as a legend in Christian camping," Doucette said, adding that there's a waiting list for youth groups.

Exodus ministers to the campers through music twice a day, and they also promote LU at every opportunity. Each week, they give campers a chance to enter a \$16,000 scholarship drawing.

This is the first time Liberty has sent a ministry team to a summer-long Christian camp for recruitment and ministry, said Executive Director of Residential Recruitment Chris Johnson. Typically, a university recruiter gets 30 minutes to make an impression in front of a group of high school students — but Exodus has a whole week with each camper.

"I'm so incredibly proud of that team," said Director of Ministry Teams Scott Bullman. "I think we're going to reap a huge harvest from their ministry out at Hume Lake."

The band's new record, "Give Love Away," will be released while they're in California. It includes 12 tracks, with eight original songs. The CD title is based on 1 John 3:16.

For Exodus fans back home, the band will have its official album launch at LU on Aug. 23. Until then, fans can view their [MySpace page](#) for a sneak peek and more in-depth information about the band members.

Exodus members are: Drew Miller, vocals and guitar; Andrew Albers, electric guitar; Jacob Allen, drums; Justin Morgan, bass; Tysen Bowling, sound; and Travis Doucette, group leader.

Exodus is one of four musical ministry teams at Liberty. The groups perform at events and church services throughout the country to praise God and act as ambassadors for LU. For booking information, click [here](#) or e-mail ministryteams@liberty.edu.