

Burkey Beacon

Helping Reach the Campus

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Dear Friend,

We have so many things to be grateful for as we come to the end of 2020. Our kids are doing well and have been able to learn in person as much as possible this Fall. Lauren is back with us now until mid-January. Along with Adam's parents, we also have Adam's sister and her two boys residing with us during this month, so our 3-bedroom house is packed! Even so, we are enjoying the extra family time the Lord has given us after 14 years of living overseas. And we are so grateful to the Lord for all that He is doing through our work with Cru. Last year God used our 2650 local movements around the globe, and our internet ministry, to expose over 49 million students and faculty to the gospel, which resulted in over 560 thousand decisions for Christ, like this student in November, Andrea:

Our Coaching Center teammate, Katie, connected with Andrea because **Andrea** clicked on a Cru ad on social media. Calling her on the phone, Katie planned to see if Andrea had a vision to join in God's movement at her university in California! As they started talking, Andrea began sharing that though she grew up in church, she felt very distant from God and often sensed an evil spiritual presence in her home and in nightmares. Andrea said, "I am motivated to be connected with God, but I don't know how." With her permission, Katie began to share the gospel with Andrea and one Bible verse changed everything for her:

"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God"- John 1:12

Andrea's mouth dropped. She whispered, "I've always 'believed', but I have never accepted him. I want to take that step." As they read a prayer together, Andrea agreed that the prayer expressed the desires of her heart. Right then and there, on a Tuesday night over the phone, Andrea BELIEVED AND ACCEPTED Christ. She exclaimed, "I have NEW LIFE!" Please pray for Andrea to find a good church home and other Christian friends near her who can continue to help her grow in her faith in Jesus. Katie is continuing to connect with and teach her from a distance.



Andrea is praying and looking for opportunities to share her new faith with her boyfriend, best friend, and sister soon. Please pray for her to be an effective witness of Jesus!

The founder of Cru, **Bill Bright** once said, "Set goals so big that unless God helps you, you will be a miserable failure." He lived and led with amazing faith in what God would do through Spirit-filled



followers of Jesus. It's not that we want to attempt big dumb things and become miserable failures. But if God is leading us to do it, we can accomplish it, and when it is well beyond our own abilities, that brings God glory, which is the chief end of man.

THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

“Question 1: What is the chief end of man? Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.”

Four “Big” Things Adam & Amy are Trusting God for:

1) Twelve Discipleship Relationships to be raised up by August 2021 – Six each, for Adam & Amy. Probably a mix of High school and college students who are trusting God to grow in their faith and lead a spiritual movement at their university campus or high school. Here is a video of Amy’s trainer, Ronnie, describing how God is moving through her discipleship relationship with a few girls at a campus in Georgia: <https://vimeo.com/483418173/8dfeob5f12>



2) Macedonian Church Plant—We continue to work with Pastor Martin & Angela Maksimovik as they trust God to reach three areas in Macedonia with the Gospel. We are trusting God for a place for the church to meet and them to live (a church building with an apartment). This will be the first evangelical church in his home town. We are praying for God to complete the interior construction of the church and parsonage building. Praise God the walls and outside are finished. You can see that here: <https://gf.me/u/ykqjz6>. Another step, is to partner with YWAM to help start a Aquaponics garden/farm to provide sustainable food and income for their family and church. You can see YWAM’s program here: <https://youtu.be/yaocV4FqYFY> After COVID, Pastor Martin invites you to consider coming to Macedonia to help serve in ministry.



3) Home Project for Adam & Amy—Since we are working from home and have ten people living in our three bedroom house, we would like to add a bedroom and bathroom to our attic space. This will also give us a little more quiet space for ministry work.

4) Twenty New Ongoing Ministry Partners—for both our ministry and for Pastor Martin & Angela—That God would inspire these new partners to resonate with the vision, pray, and invest financially to get the Gospel to young people both here and in Macedonia.



If any of these projects resonate with you we ask you to join with us. We have needs for volunteers, connections to students on campuses, prayers, and financial investments to get some projects up and going. The Macedonian church building needs about \$35,000 to be complete, and to get the aquaponics system built YWAM estimates \$30,000. For our additional room and bathroom we are budgeting \$50,000. Both special gifts and ongoing investments would help in those categories.

These are bigger than usual projects for us, but we are trusting God for them. If you have been waiting for a chance to give \$115,000 to get the gospel out to young people, this is it! But if you, like us, desire to trust God for more than you can do alone, we invite you to help as much as God enables. Please pray, volunteer, share ideas, and give to reach high schools and college campuses in the USA and the disadvantaged people around Pastor Martin in Macedonia. Call or write us with your ideas or questions. If the Lord leads you to give, you can invest at the links below for Martin, and Amy and me.

You can use this weblink to invest in Pastor Martin and Angela Maksimovik’s church or ongoing ministry:

<https://gf.me/u/ykqjz6>

You can use this weblink to invest in our home project or our ongoing ministry to students:

<https://give.cru.org/6207785>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey