

Burkey Beacon

Helping Reach the Campus

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Dear Friend,

I just finished coaching a few young college girls on how they can have consistent times alone with God every day! I remember when I was a young Christian in college and this whole new world of “walking with God” was new to me. What excitement I felt and yet I remember how easy it was to be distracted from God by the world I was living in. I am finding now, after many years on this journey of walking with God, the distractions are far less and my desire and need to meet with God on a consistent basis is much like the author of Psalm 27 and 42.



“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.” Psalm 42:1

“One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.” Psalm 27:4

Where are you on your journey of walking with God? Is your reality with God one that feels parched and distant or are you drinking from His streams of living water every day! We pray that you are experiencing the abundance of a life lived with Him but if not, have courage! He uses times of trial to shape us, just don't quit seeking and trusting in Him! He is faithful and will bring you through! We are praying for you!

Monmouth College, Illinois

Our colleague, Stefan, has been trying new ways to launch student movements on campuses in Illinois. He has developed a new way to advertise Cru using the social platform Instagram and he is seeing a lot of success! Three girls from Monmouth College in central Illinois were desiring to start a Bible study group on their campus. They wanted interested students to have a place to discuss the Bible and a relationship with Jesus. Stefan was able to connect with these girls through Instagram, and now they are preparing to host their first Cru Bible study group this Thursday, Feb 4th!

Stefan has invited me (Amy) to be their ongoing coach as he moves on to search for more campus ministries to launch! These young ladies, Lexi, Arika, and Nyasainia (from Kenya) are so thankful for how the Lord connected them with Cru and all the resources and coaching we can provide them to help make their outreach to Monmouth a success. They are the girls I coached about having consistent quiet times. **Please pray our first Bible study is a success this Thursday and that the Lord would create a movement there that will impact the lives of students on that campus for many years to come!**

Lexi Shields



Major: Exercise Science
Fav Bible Verse: Matthew 4:35-41
Jesus calms the storm
Word for Cru @MoCo: Awake

Arika Hofmann



Major: Biochemistry
Fav Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
Jesus gives you strength
Word for Cru @MoCo: Welcome

Nyasaina Kwamboka



Major: Environmental Sustainability & Business Administration
Fav Bible Verse: Philippians 4:8
Focus your mind on what is right and lovely
Word for Cru @MoCo: Radiate



THIS WEEKEND, Feb 5th and 6th Cru Campus Ministry will be hosting our *first ever online* Winter Conference for students across our nation. Winter Conference is a gathering of college students experiencing Jesus, growing together in their faith, and discovering their place in the mission of God.

We will have live worship and special sessions of teaching from God's Word, as well as many seminars on specific topics from which students can choose and listen to what interests them. The students will be challenged to identify 3 people in their life that they want to share the Good News of Jesus with and then ask the Lord to help them take that step of faith the following week. At the end of January there was already 3500 students signed up to attend. :)

Please pray many more will sign up and be undistracted as they participate through the internet. Pray that they would meet with God through this weekend. Also pray that they take steps of faith to share Jesus with others the following week, and that God will lead many people into a new relationship with Him!

Launching New Ministries in Ohio

Stefan has been training Adam in his new strategy of finding interested students and launching movements through Instagram. Adam was able to locate students on Instagram in Ohio using a Cru-Ohio handle. He and Stefan found interested students at Lake Erie College up near Cleveland. He has met with 7 already via Zoom, 5 of whom are ready to volunteer and help start and lead a new movement of Cru on that campus. He'll meet with them weekly to form a leadership team. We are very excited because the students report there is no other ministries at Lake Erie College, so we are meeting a big need.



It is so exciting to see God make these connections and to be able to resource and coach students to reach out to their fellow classmates and friends with the love of Jesus! Of course, these students grow in their ability to lead and in their own walks with the Lord as they see God use them to advance His kingdom in their sphere of influence!

Please pray that Adam is able to train and form a leadership team to see this movement launched. Pray that 3 would attend the Winter Conference. Pray that he will find interested students on other campuses here in Ohio that will want to start movements on their campuses!

Prayer Updates & Requests:

Ohio State University-Newark—keep praying for more connections to campus

Cru Connect Bible Study—still going strong

Cru Live—keep praying for more student leaders to utilize this monthly gathering

Cru Winter Conference— (3500 registered last week) coming up this weekend!!

Martin's Church in Macedonia—Praise God for new funding & progress every day!!

Cru High School at Seth & Nathan's school—for teachers, coaches, administrators, parents and students to be excited to start a Christian community there at school.

Seth's College Search—Narrowing to Grove City, Taylor, & Cedarville—pray for direction and success in obtaining scholarships to lower the prices.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey