

Dear Friend,

We are so excited about what all God is doing, and we pray you will be encouraged too, as you read this update! Thank you for your continued prayers for us and this ministry! Amy recently led a study with students about how God changes things through prayer. When we communicate with the Lord, He often changes our own attitudes, conforms our will to be more like His will, or as our good Father, He rejoices in our requests and desires to move on our behalf! Prayer is powerful, and we so appreciate your prayers for us and for the students we lead. We pray that you are experiencing the joy of being in communion with God and being aligned with His heart for the lost in this world!



Winter Conference

This year we had a virtual gathering of college students from across the United States who wanted to experience God, grow in their faith, and be challenged by His Word. There were **6,292 students** in online attendance to hear the speakers and worship teams lift our eyes to consider the beauty, mercy, and grace of Jesus. The digital platform enabled students to meet new people and interact, connecting with Christian students from all over the USA. The special content and speakers helped us to see the urgency of sharing with those around us. They also challenged us to discover our place in the mission of God in proclaiming the gospel to others. While each student who attended has a story to tell, here are just a few:

"I've had multiple friends on my heart that I've been praying for and desiring to share the gospel with. They're unbelievers... After attending the conference, I feel much more equipped and on-fire to share my faith and approach them in a conversation." —Kellen, University of Idaho freshman

After learning how to disciple and mentor others to multiply his spiritual impact, Zeke, a freshman at Asbury University, challenged five Christian friends to grow in their faith together. They've already begun meeting to learn how they can share the good news of Jesus with others!

"Saturday night during one of the guest speaker's talks, I heard an overwhelming voice (the type that makes you bow your head in wonder, sending chills throughout your body). I heard God say "Go..." It's got something to do with me committing, not just my summer, but my life in service of the Great Commission. I have no earthly idea what that would look like, but I'm content with where God is leading despite the uncertainty." —Cade, University of Arkansas sophomore



Please praise God with us for how He is at work in students' lives: changing hearts and raising up lifelong laborers for His Kingdom work!



Monmouth Cru (pictured above)

For the past 6 weeks, Amy and 3 student leaders (Lexi, Arika, and Nyasaina that you prayed for last month) have been leading weekly Bible studies through zoom at Monmouth College in Illinois. There is a committed group of 11 students at this point and we are excited for the way the Lord is creating community and growing their faith, even through zoom. Two students so far have decided to apply for a summer mission with Cru to invest three weeks of their summer to grow in their faith and be equipped to be lifelong laborers for Jesus! Looking ahead to the Fall, **please pray with us** for permission to have in-person gatherings, for well-equipped leaders, and a core group of students with a vision to make a difference for Christ there at Monmouth!

Northridge High School/Middle School Ministry Coming Soon!

We have had meetings individually with a teacher and the principal of Northridge High School about wanting to start a Cru group there for both the middle school and high school students. Both were supportive of this opportunity for students, and informed us that once our background checks are complete we can begin hosting meetings at the school on a weekly basis! We, along with our boys, are overjoyed at this news and pray that we can get ourselves organized and prepared soon so we can have an initial start these last 9 weeks of school. **Please pray** God would lead us in the best way to:

1. Inform and involve parents, teachers, coaches, administrators, volunteers, and students
2. Coordinate transportation
3. Choose the best time of the day to have our meetings.

We so appreciate your prayers! God is at work!

Lake Erie College

For the past 5 weeks, Adam has been training up a group of five students at Lake Erie College (LEC) in Painesville, Ohio, who want to help launch a Cru ministry there. This was another campus that had no Christian ministry for the students to get involved in. He and his trainer Stefan are leading these five through the basics of how to walk with Jesus, study God's Word, and be sure of their salvation. We hope to have them ready to open up the group to lead other students in Bible Study in the next couple of weeks. Like Monmouth, we are hoping in the Fall, to have a strong kick off with a small core of committed students to reach the next generation there. **Please pray** for these students (Mark, Nick, Alexis, Brittany, & Raena) who are all active in collegiate level sports or student government, to grow a **solid foundation** in the Gospel, the best news in the world: that we are totally loved and accepted by our Creator and Lord only through Jesus' death, resurrection, and ongoing work through the Holy Spirit in our lives.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey