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Helping Reach the Campus

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Dear Friend,

With the changing of the seasons, we are reminded of the change God longs to see in our hearts and lives. As God set the seasons in motion, so He also calls us to a process of change: becoming more and more like Jesus. Amy and I strive to help the students we coach to learn how to read and apply God's Word to their life so that they see life change in themselves as well as the students they are leading. As they study the Bible in their groups on campus, they ask the question, "What step of faith is God calling me to take this week in regard to this passage?" They share the action step with the group and then the following week they start off their time together asking, "How did you see God work in light of the step of faith you wanted to take last week?" This provides accountability, opportunities to encourage one another as they share how God is working, and over time they can look back and see how God has brought change into their life and the lives of those they have influenced. Change that we pray moves them forward to becoming more like Christ. Alistair Begg, the Scottish preacher of Parkside Church in Cleveland, Ohio, notes about Nebuchadnezzar in the book of Daniel chapters 2 and 3, "It is possible to be charmed by God yet not changed." What about you? How has God moved you forward this year in becoming more like Him? What step of faith is He calling you to take next as you read and apply His Word to your life? Let us know so we can pray for and rejoice with you.



But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. James 1:25

Looking Back

Early in September you were praying for my trip to Georgia to help start 2 campus ministries; U of North Georgia and Georgia State—Clarkston. Praise the Lord for a great group of students who are taking steps of faith and providing a safe place for students to gather and make friends around the gospel of Jesus Christ.



As a parent of students in college I was reflecting on the fun and relationship building that went on after the Bible study at our pizza party. Instead of being isolated in their dorm rooms or giving in to peer pressure in other arenas, these 5 student leaders created a space where freshmen can come and be themselves, laugh, and encourage one another to follow wholeheartedly after God. As a parent, I could not imagine a better gift for my child at university. **Please pray for the 5 student leaders, especially Brianna, who lead the 1st Bible study (above) on being "salt and light" to the university. Please pray for the Cru movement to grow at the University of North Georgia, and for Ronnie their coach.**



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Georgia State University—at Clarkston—which is the most diverse city in the USA with many refugees.



Our team got to meet up at GSU-Clarkston with some old friends from Newark, Ohio: Armin & Colleen McMahan. They moved as missionaries to “reach the nations” from Clarkston, Georgia. This from Wikipedia, “At present, students attending Clarkston High School come from over 50 countries; and over half the population is estimated by some to be foreign born.”

Georgia State University is smack dab in the middle of all this, so we thought it would be strategic for reaching the nations to build a student movement there. We started by meeting the local Cru staff who want to help, and we passed out flyers and had spiritual conversations with students who were interested. Then we gathered with pastors and the McMahans and prayer-walked all around campus. Lastly, Ronnie met with a student leader named Hannah and shared vision and ideas of how to get things going. Hannah is faithfully working but things haven’t worked out yet. **Please pray she would be able to get a faculty advisor. And please pray for Gladys, the local Cru staff lady who is herself a prayer warrior. She is also coming once a week to do evangelism.**

As we were leaving, everyone told us to stop at [Refugee Coffee Co.](#), a coffee truck, to get a great coffee to support this ministry which gives jobs and training to refugees. I got a “Chagachinno!” Why not, where else am I going to find one? It’s ingredients were, “Chaga [mushrooms], cacao, cinnamon, vanilla, monk fruit sweetener, and milk.” Tasted like chicken. Just kidding, it was a pretty good coffee. Chaga growing on a tree looks pretty gross...if I’d only known. And I quote, “It resembles a dark clump of dirt more than a mushroom, but is distinguished from other growths by its orange tissue.” Who knew it’d be a superfood? According to [MedicalNewsToday](#) Chaga “slows aging, lowers cholesterol, fights cancer, lowers BP, supports immunity, fights inflammation, lowers blood sugar, and prevents drug side effects.” I may live until Jesus returns because of this one coffee, but I digress.



Looking Ahead

Amy and I were asked to coach **Western Carolina University**, which is in NC, near Tennessee. So we are traveling there **October 25-28** and have already been meeting with a group of 7 student leaders via Zoom. These leaders are amazing in the fact that the common reason why they all want to help start Cru is to do outreach and reach the campus. Our colleague, Stefan, found all but one of these leaders through an Instagram strategy that he has nearly perfected. He’ll meet us there and for 3 days we’ll train the leaders and plan and kickoff their 1st Cru meeting. We’ll survey students one day and then contact them for follow-up the next day, modeling to the leaders how to share the gospel with students. **Please pray for us and the student leaders: Josh, Corton, Blake, Ella, Lauren, Autumn, and Brooklyn.**

Amy and I continue to coach student leaders at **Monmouth, Lake Erie, South West Michigan, and Albion colleges**. I am discipling two guys at Lake Erie College, pictured at right. Trey is a key leader there, leading the Bible studies each week as a junior. He has a big heart for God and the lost. Jarrod is also helping lead Cru at Lake Erie. He’s well connected and serves so many places on campus. He is growing in his faith and leading Lake Erie students to the Cleveland Area Cru Fall Retreat, **Nov 12-13**, which will be a great opportunity for all who attend to grow closer to God, gain vision to reach their campus, and connect with other Christian students. **Please pray for these two guys to consistently walk with the Lord and reach out to others, and my ability to connect with and challenge them.**



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