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Helping Reach the Campus

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Dear Friend,

As we cross the two-year mark from the start of a global pandemic, we continue to remind ourselves that God is in control! The challenges of our world might look different from two years ago, but there is still much chaos, uncertainty, and hopelessness in our communities today. Our hearts break for Generation Z, who is growing up bombarded daily with news and messages that create anxiety and confusion in their lives and who have no knowledge of the One who created them, or the purpose and security only found in a relationship with Jesus. We long for the students we work with to be fully convinced of God's grace, truth, and goodness so that they will grow to love and serve Him with their whole heart for the rest of their days. Our thoughts and prayers are continuously with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine as they face such a hostile and evil enemy. May the Lord use them in these days to be a beacon of hope, love, and peace to those around them that don't know Jesus. We pray for all of these and for you, the words found in 1 Peter 3:15, ***"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."*** Hope, peace, and security is found only in Jesus!



Ukrainian woman

"What is one way you would like to grow in your faith or in ministry skills this semester?" This was the question I (Amy) asked the 14 students I coach at the beginning of this semester. As I asked this question, I had planned that if any students wanted to grow in their ability to share their faith, I would send them a resource called CoJourners that I had picked up at Winter Conference, and we would read and learn from it together. I was overjoyed when 8 out of the 14 said that they wanted to grow in their ability and effectiveness to share their faith!



I am now currently reading through and discussing with these 8 students what they are gleaning from CoJourners and how God is leading them to apply what they are learning to their current relationships. So far, we have looked at 3 principles to remember: Everyone is on a spiritual journey, God is already at work in the lives of others, and God desires to use us! Soon we'll look at what it means to explore, guide, build, and mentor others in the faith. **Please pray** the Lord will fill these students with curiosity, boldness, and confidence to better understand where their friends are coming from and through this resource, equip them to know how to come alongside them and lead them on their journey to Jesus.

Summer Plans: Croatia and Macedonia!!



Adam and I are excited to share that we will be heading back to Eastern Europe this summer to help lead a summer mission to college students in Zagreb, **Croatia!** Zagreb is home to over 70,000 college students and Cru currently has 4 Croatian staff working with students there. Adam is the operations team leader for our summer mission and has been busy planning logistics for our team of 16 American students as well as several

staff. With our connection to Macedonia, we invited 4 Macedonian students to join us as well! We plan to come alongside the Croatian staff and help them reach Croatian students with the Good News of Jesus. Throughout the mission, from May 25th-June 30th, we will be teaching and training our American/Macedonian students how to effectively share the news of Christ with others and how to help ground them in their new faith. We will then go out and initiate with Croatian students, befriending them, and hopefully leading some to a relationship with Jesus. Prayerfully we'll give the ministry lots of contacts to follow-up. The things our students will learn and experience on mission in Croatia, they will take back to their campuses and implement in their own personal ministry in the Fall.

After our 5-week mission, we have been invited to the 25th anniversary celebration of Cru in the country of Macedonia! From July 1st-3rd we will join our friends and colleagues in a celebration of all God has done in that country over this last quarter of a century through the ministry of Cru! What a great privilege it has been for us to be a part of that work of God for 14 years, and we acknowledge that it would not have happened without the faithful support of partners in ministry like you! We are so thankful for you, for your prayers and your gifts that make our ministry possible. Below are pictures of our family when we first started in ministry in Macedonia and a picture of our family right before we moved back to the United States. Macedonia is home to our kids and Lord-willing, they will all be able to return with us for a visit this summer!



June 2004



June 2018

Other interesting facts, Adam and I were married 25 years ago in May, and I (Amy) have been on staff now for 25 years this June! May God grant us another 25 years or more of ministry together with you, should He tarry!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey