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Dear Friend,

Life brings to all of us great joys along with great sorrows. We have experienced great joys this past month as we celebrated our daughter, Lauren, graduating with the honor of Cumma Sum Laude from Asbury University and our son, Nathan, achieving LCL champion and reaching regionals with his best season yet running hurdles for his high school! It is such a blessing to see your children excel in the ways God has gifted them. We have also experienced difficulty and stress as we walk alongside Amy's brother with his fight and struggle with cancer. It is hard to watch a loved-one endure all that comes with fighting cancer, and you strive to be there for them as much as you possibly can. So, as we celebrate the joys in life, we are also reminded of why we do what we do. A friend of mine reminded me of what James 4:14 says about our lives being "a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." Life is short, and we aren't guaranteed another day, so we strive to live our lives in light of eternity, introducing others to Jesus and equipping students to do the same. We are so grateful for your partnership that enables us to do just that.



In April, after our Monday Bible study at **OSU Newark, Diamond** and I went out together on campus to see if we might strike up a spiritual conversation with someone. We found Diamond's friend, **Ami**, who was sitting at a table enjoying the beautiful day. She shared how her dad is Muslim and her mom is Christian so eventually we asked how well she understood the basic message of Christianity. She said she didn't know much so we asked if we could share with her a simple



explanation using the tool Cru uses called, "Would You Like to Know God Personally?" We talked about God's love for her, about her sin, about what Jesus has done for her, and that she has a choice to make. She was very engaged with us and as we wrapped up our discussion, she said that she had never heard such a clear explanation of what Christians believe. She was very grateful for our conversation and even asked me for the tool we used because she wanted to share it with her mom. She wasn't sure her mother

understood Christianity as we shared it and she planned to share it with her that evening! Ami mentioned that she was interested in accepting Christ but on her own. She ended up coming to our Bible study that Wednesday and really enjoyed it! Please pray that Ami would grow in her understanding of what Jesus has done for her and that she would choose to follow Him. Diamond was excited about our conversation with Ami, and she was grateful to hear how I shared my faith with students. We pray that God would bring students into our movement like Ami, and as He does, we look forward to seeing God use students like Diamond to help them grow in their faith. Students mentoring students is our vision and mission!

2 Timothy 2:2 (Paul speaking to Timothy, his son in the faith) **"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."**

Lake Erie College:

At the end of April, Adam coordinated a meeting at Lake Erie College with several local pastors and community members who have a heart to reach that campus with the Good News of Jesus. We gathered with six amazing volunteers and our one student leader and discussed what we were trusting the Lord for and how we might all work together to share the love of Jesus with students on that spiritually dark campus. Ellie, our student leader, was super excited to meet these volunteers and hear their heart for her and for her fellow students.

Please pray with us that there will be some new freshmen and returning students who will want to grow in their faith this Fall. Also, please pray that this team of volunteers from several churches will work well together and with LEC students to make a huge impact on that campus for Christ! We are excited for what God might do there! Lake Erie College has 75% of the student body participating in collegiate athletics and students party in lots of off campus residence “houses”. We are trusting God to raise up a person of peace which could be either a light/believer or a seeker or a relational connection on every athletic team and in every house.

West Liberty University Cru Group



Adam & Amy's Summer Mission 2023:

Our summer mission assignment this year is to work with Cru's Mission Expansion Department to help start movements on campuses where there are no staff and minimal Christian opportunities. We will do this by helping find potential student leaders through Instagram and coaching and equipping them to start and lead these new ministries on their campuses. We are excited to be a part of this initiative this summer and to see how the Lord works to raise up new laborers on mission fields where there is not much going on. Our colleague has identified 71 campuses where we will be attempting to find potential leaders in order to start movements this Fall. Please pray the Lord works in the hearts of students to say yes to the opportunity to be used by Him to start something new on their campus. The last few years, 3 students from West Liberty were praying individually for God to do something on their campus. Last summer, they were contacted by this summer mission initiative and each of them said yes to the Lord and to Cru. Because they said yes, they saw God answer their prayers by using them to create and lead a growing movement on their campus. Please pray for more Emma's, Riley's and Michaela's on these 71 campuses that will say yes to the Lord and to what God wants to do in and through them!

Nathan's Summer Mission 2023:

Our son Nathan has been faithfully taking steps to grow in his service to the Lord, singing in his youth group's worship team and participating in all the Cru campus conferences Amy and I are a part of. We can see spiritual growth in this 16 year old. At this year's winter conference Nathan heard about Cru High School's summer mission trips, and decided to step out in faith and spend 5 weeks on a Cru High School International Summer mission (without us). The first week all the highschoolers meet in California for training and then get sent out all over the world on different mission trips. Nate will be helping start high school movements in New Zealand, and bringing the gospel with water filters to 7 villages in Fiji. **Please pray** for it to be transforming for Nathan's personal walk with Jesus, and for fruit to remain in those locations. You can hear more by or partner with him by visiting <https://give.cru.org/1192938>.



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