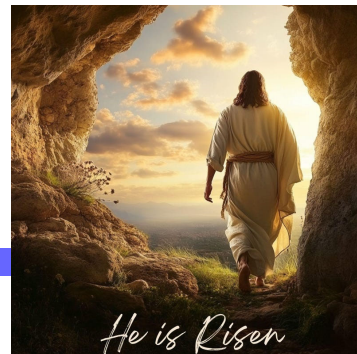


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Helping Reach Campuses in the USA

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Dear Friend,

As we prepare for Easter, we rejoice in the fact that because of people like you praying and giving, there are new students celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus this year! We praise God for the volunteers at the college campuses we coach who have felt the need for laborers and answered God's call by saying, "Here I am, send me!" We are so grateful for the student leaders the Lord has raised up on 11 college campuses in our scope that have decided to stand out among their peers as different and lead a Christian group on campus. We praise the Lord for all the steps of faith each student involved with Cru has taken this year to walk closer with Jesus and to make Him known to others.

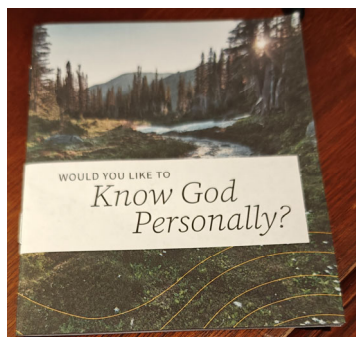
"Mission exists because worship doesn't", says pastor and author John Piper. One day, after Jesus returns, missions will no longer be needed, but while we have breath, while we live in this broken world, and some are still lost, may we continue to press on to make Him known, to introduce others to the saving work of Christ, that they may know their loving and gracious Creator and Savior, as we know and love Him. He has redeemed us by His blood (Hallelujah!) and therefore is worthy of our lives and affections! May we celebrate His saving work on the cross this year not only by our thoughts and songs, but through our words (telling someone else the Good News of Jesus) and our actions (showing His love and grace to undeserving others in tangible ways).

It has been a joy this Spring to help equip students with resources and encouragement and then watch them take steps of faith with the Lord as He leads them.

Each week we get to literally walk with students around the campus at OSU-Newark and ask them how we can pray for them. Some weeks we table and let them come to us. Daniel here was really excited to engage with students coming up to our table, and also pray for and contact some students to follow-up.



Amy and I approached a girl and asked how we could pray for her, and she turned out to be really open. **Her name is India and we ask for you to pray for her to find and follow Jesus, the one true God.**



She came from a different faith background, but I asked her if she wanted to hear the core message of Christianity. She said, "Yes, at the university I appreciate the chances it gives me to learn from people who do not believe as I was raised." She believes there is one true God out there and she is looking for him. I mentioned to India, that it might be hard on her family, and she responded that if she finds the truth she'd want to tell them as they would want to know. I shared the Knowing God Personally booklet with her and we gave her Amy's phone number. Pray the Lord leads her to call us back to continue the conversation, or for her to show up to our Cru meeting on campus.



For Valentine's Day this year, the student leaders at Ferris State decided to share God's love with others in a fun way by handing out love letters from God. They included verses about God's love for us, some candy, and a booklet explaining what Jesus did for us on the cross. The leaders encouraged other students in Cru to join them as they shared their faith in this way.

Liz, a young believer, was excited to join Mia and thought she would observe Mia initiating spiritual conversations with people. But instead, she was kind of disappointed, because they just smiled, handed out the love letters from God, and students went on their way. Liz shared with Mia her desire to learn how to communicate the Good News of Jesus **in conversations** with students.

Seeing a young believer desiring to learn how to share her faith put Mia into action. She decided that she not only wanted to train Liz but that the Cru leaders should host a training workshop and invite other students, not only in Cru, but also from other Christian groups on campus. They hosted the training event and had almost 20 students attend, 14 from another organization! These students were shown how to use the Cru tool called, "Would You Like To Know God Personally?" and many communicated how easy it was to use and how clear it explained the Good News. Liz was there and as she was learning how to use the tool, she was making comments on how this was helping make sense of things that she had not fully understood before! Praise God!



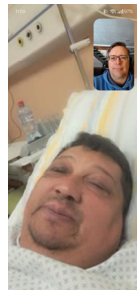
The next evening, after Cru's weekly Bible study, Liz felt led to walk a guy named Nick through the booklet that explained the Gospel to make sure Nick fully understood what Jesus did for him on the cross and that he had a decision to make. Nick wasn't ready to fully surrender his life yet, but another seed was planted in his life by a young believer willing to take a step of faith and share the Good News of Jesus! Mia trained Liz and then Liz turned around and shared what she learned with Nick. This is a demonstration of 2 Timothy 2:2 which is: "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." **Please pray that these students who were trained will continue to take steps of faith to share God's love with others this Easter season and beyond!**



Prayer & Praises:



Praise God our son Seth is graduating with a Computer Science degree from Cedarville in May. Then he's heading out on a Cru Summer Mission to Poland. If you would like to help send Seth by praying or giving financially you can go to <https://give.cru.org> and search for Seth Burkey.



Please pray for Pastor Tony in Macedonia who recently had a quadruple bypass surgery on his heart. His wounds aren't healing due to infection and high blood sugar. Please pray for a breakthrough as we just got him some different medication to prayerfully help him overcome this. He is trusting the Lord but in 50 days his incisions have not closed.



Praise God, Nate did a great job singing & acting as Crutchie in his high school play, "Newsies." He will graduate high school this May. Pray for a strong finish for the Cru Bible study he is leading.



WE Really APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey

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