

Burkey Beacon

Helping Reach Campuses in the USA

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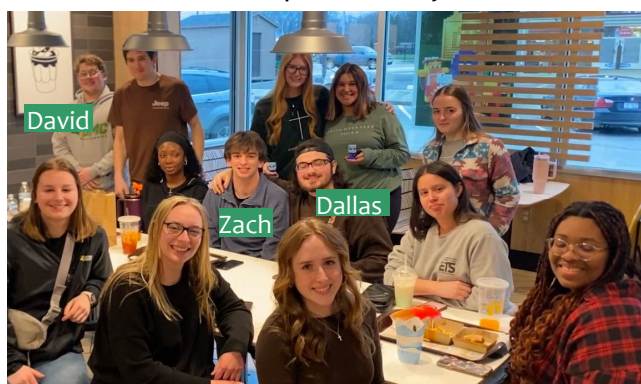


Dear Friend,

Another school year is in the books and we are so thankful for the opportunity we have had this year to see God impact the lives of students on campuses in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Indiana! Seeing the student leaders we have the privilege to come alongside and coach, take steps of faith and experience God at work in and through them brings so much joy to our hearts. Having the opportunity to witness our son's ministry at his high school take off this year was also a highlight. Adam and I are so blessed to be able to do what we do and the impact we are able to see in the lives of others is only because of the Lord's work in and through you as you pray for and give towards this ministry. We can never communicate enough how very thankful we are for you and your prayers and support that are helping to make an impact in these students' lives and in the lives of generations to come!



Last August, I (Amy) met a student named Conner over Zoom, from Cleary University in Michigan, who wanted to have an impact for Christ on his campus and even more so on his soccer team. He shared with me how he had a number of international students on his team and that he longed for them to know Jesus, like he did. One such student, Leo from France, was especially heavy on his heart. Leo had been raised experiencing religion but Conner could tell that Leo lacked a personal relationship with Jesus. Conner was falling more and more in love with Jesus, and this intrigued Leo's curiosity. They would have deep spiritual conversations often. Leo was also attending the men's Bible study and the weekly co-ed Cru Bible study that Conner led on campus. Right before Easter, Conner realized that Leo had finally come to understand and believe the wonderful work of Jesus on the cross for our sins and that he had placed his faith in Jesus. Conner was overjoyed and he invited Leo to come home with him for Easter Break. Conner and his father even bought Leo a Bible in French! Praise God for His work in Leo's life this past school year!



I also received news from the volunteer I coach at SW Michigan College, named Rachel, that two young men had just placed their faith in Jesus! David and Dallas both experienced difficult family dynamics growing up. Although Dallas had been raised in a Christian household, wounds from his childhood left a bad taste in his mouth for God and faith in Jesus. He struggled with depression and earlier this year was close to committing suicide. He found some guys on campus involved with Cru and began attending their men's Bible study each week. David was attending the co-ed Cru Bible study, just interested in learning more about God and what is

in the Bible, but also enjoying the community God has created in this group. They were both staying on campus over Easter break so Zach, one of the guy student leaders, invited them to his church on Good Friday to watch a performance on the death of Christ. David and Dallas were moved to tears that night and they both individually made decisions to accept Jesus' death on the cross for the payment of their sins. They ended up joining Rachel on Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Walking with Jesus in the beginning can be difficult though so as they go into the summer **pray** that they will continue to grow in their understanding of Jesus' work on the cross and love for them. Rachel hopes to continue leading a Bible study throughout the summer. **Please pray that they commit to the study and that the Lord uses it to help them stand firmly in this new found faith.**

Circle Summit



This summer, August 1st-5th, our Coaching Center Team will be hosting the 3rd annual **Circle Summit** at the Cru International Headquarters in Orlando, Florida. This is an incredible opportunity for the students we work with on these smaller campuses to gain a greater vision of what they are a part of and how God is moving in the USA and around the world. We gather students from around the country to connect them with other students and volunteers involved in ministry, to equip them with training and resources, and to inspire them to strive still more, in the power of the Holy Spirit and trust God for big things on their small campuses! Of those from our scope that went last year, we saw God exponentially grow their campus ministries as those leaders went back with a plan, a purpose, and a better vision of what God could do through them and the students they lead. **Please pray** that our student leaders and volunteers would see the value of this opportunity and that the Lord would lead them to say yes to going.

Every three years, Cru gathers all US staff together to celebrate what God is doing through the various ministries and to expand and unify our vision and direction for the future. It's called **Cru-25**,

and it is a time of reflection with the Lord, connection with other staff, and encouragement to continue in our calling of winning, building, and sending others to help in the fulfillment of the Great Commission -kinda like our Circle Summit, but for several thousand Cru staff. This gathering is happening this summer and it will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the week of July 12th-19th.



To make these two conferences possible this summer we need to raise \$2800 by July 4th. That covers travel, housing, and conference costs for us. **Please prayerfully consider giving** toward our opportunities this summer that will renew both our students' and our own passion for ministry, and refresh us relationally with the Lord and others committed to this same mission. If the Lord leads you to give, you can send a check made out to Cru to our address at the bottom or go online here <https://give.cru.org/6207785>.

Our assignment this summer is to focus on increasing our ministry partner team. **Please pray for us** as we trust God to meet new people who would be encouraged to partner with us in ministry to college students. We trust that God has called us to this ministry and we know He will provide as we are faithful to invite others to consider partnering with us. **Thank you for your prayers for us to be diligent and disciplined, to be focused on our calling, and to walk by faith with the One who has called us and who will sustain us both now and into our future.**

Nathan, our son is helping lead a Cru High School mission trip to Tanzania this summer. If you would like to help him, you can send a check made out to Cru to him at our address below or online at <https://give.cru.org/1234846>.

Praise Updates from Last Month:

Seth is having a wonderful time in Poland. He returns the end of this week, but they have shared the gospel in 4 cities with many Polish students. Thank you for your support and prayers!!

Pastor Tony's heart surgery recovery—The Lord helped us get Tony some specific medicine and his wound healed right up and he is doing much, much better. He's going to physical therapy this coming week.

Nate's high school ministry transition—Nate graduated and turned the reigns over to a few capable students!!

WE Really APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey