

Burkey Beacon

Helping Reach Campuses to go to the World

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Dear Friend,

There is much brokenness in our world, our nation, our neighborhoods, our homes, our families, and in each of us. It is easy to be discouraged when sin is ever present, whether ours or others. Recently, our small group was discussing 2 Corinthians 5 where Paul wrote how he and his companions were longing “to be away from the body and at home with the Lord”. This started a discussion about heaven and it was so refreshing to talk about the hope of heaven that we, as believers in Christ, have only by the grace

of God. It reminded me of something a colleague shared after reading “Heaven: Your Real Home” by Joni Eareckson Tada. My friend wrote, “I’ve always loved the picture of heaven as the place where there is no more sadness, no more tears, no more pain. And that alone feels like good news. But what if it’s more? What if heaven is the fulfillment of the briefest yet truest moments of joy we’ve already tasted here - those flashes we wish we could hold onto forever? And what if all of that joy is only eclipsed - beautifully - by finally enjoying God face-to-face? Not as an idea. Not at a distance. But fully known, fully loved, and fully accepted. Maybe those moments we treasure most are little shadows of what’s to come. Little hints that our hearts were made for more than this broken world can offer.” May the reality of heaven spur us on to continue being about the Father’s business of helping others come to know Jesus, so this hope can be theirs as well.



WINTER CONFERENCES

Javon from Southwestern Michigan College wrote in his social media post (pictured on left): “I have never experienced such happiness and love before in my life until now. Thank you to everyone that has helped me on my journey to getting closer to the Lord. Going to the Winter Conference has helped my decision to surrender my life to the Lord and I couldn’t be more happy!”

Over the past month, Cru has hosted over 7000 students at 12 different Winter Conferences across the country. We attended the Winter Conference in Indianapolis Dec 28th-Jan 1st, along with almost 1500 students, 32 students whom we coach, and our sons, Nathan and Seth. It was an

impactful conference, where students were challenged to step out in faith and go share the love of Jesus in communities around Indianapolis on the very first day. In Indy alone, students were able to share the gospel with 364 people, 68 who indicated decisions for Christ! Similar things took place at the other 11 locations. **Please pray** for the local churches that we partnered with as they steward the contacts the Lord enabled us to leave with them.

The students always return fired up over how they saw God work through them to bless others. Throughout the conferences, we have great equipping seminars and talks about how as Christians we are called to lay down our rights and take up God's plan and purposes. In ours in Indianapolis, Roger Hershey challenged the students to invest their lives in such a way as to have an eternal impact for God's Kingdom for His glory! And then the worship? When 1500 college students are praising and worshipping our God with their whole heart and mind, laying down strongholds of sin and shame, and experiencing His amazing love, grace, and purpose, it is powerful! Another little glimpse of an eternity in Heaven with Him!

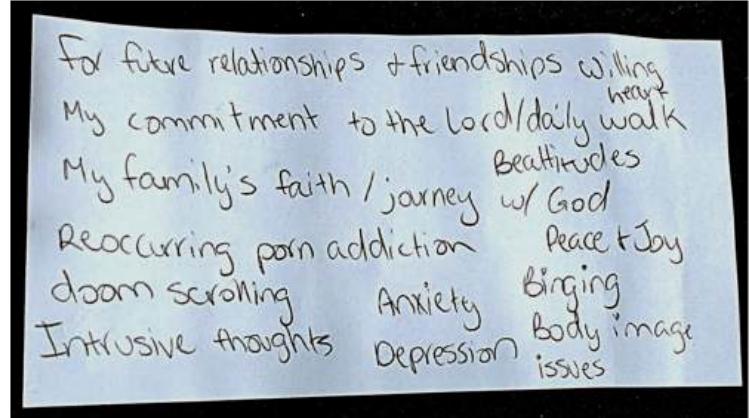


Anthony, a freshman at Ohio State Newark shared at our weekly Bible study, "I was so moved by the whole experience that I seriously was ready to lay everything down and join staff with Cru!"

Praise God for how He moved in students' hearts and pray that this wouldn't just be an experience but that they will continue to live surrendered lives to the Lord and in the power of the Holy Spirit, introduce others to Jesus!

Prayer Requests

- + The note on the right was submitted by a student in our prayer room at Winter Conference. I share it because it is so typical of what many students are struggling with these days. Please pray for the listed issues as you see fit for students you know.
- + Valentine's Outreaches –pray for students who are taking the initiative to share the gospel using a questionnaire relating to the 5 Love Languages.
- + Spring Break Mission Trip to Daytona - 4 from Ferris State and 3-4 from Ohio State Newark.
- + Discipleship is one of our goals for campus movements. Please pray for students to pass on spiritual disciplines and ministry skills into the spiritual lives into other students that they are investing in.
- + Adam's Dad Squamous cell carcinoma cancer growth on his forearm to be healed quickly & fully.



Thank you for your partnership, Adam & Amy Burkey