

## Cru17 | Biennial Staff Conference | July 16 - 24 | Fort Collins, Colorado

"Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." Exodus 33:15

Cru is an organization full of active doers. We are people who answered the call, "Come help change the world" and we're passionate about that. We want to be involved, work hard, and DO things for God, for one another, and for the people in the world around us.

In the midst of that passionate desire to DO things for God we sometimes forget to be WITH Him. In our mode of helping the people around us, we sometimes miss being connected to them. In our focus to reach the world for Christ we can allow ourselves to become solitary, siloed, or isolated.



This summer, as our family continues to transition back to living and ministering in the states, Cru will continue to focus on our four major organizational themes: becoming an organization that is cutting edge in evangelism; partners well; is moving forward in ethnic diversity and oneness; and is going to the world with the good news. This summer the Cru17 conference design team, along with our national leaders, have chosen the theme of WITH.



We need to be WITH God, not just doing things for Him. And we want Him WITH us. We cannot share the life changing good news of Jesus without being WITH people. We'll never move forward in justice, conciliation, and honoring people of all ethnic backgrounds unless we learn to truly see one another and be in it together: to be WITH each other.

And the Great Commission, our ultimate call as an organization, is not meant to be done by disconnected individuals and organizations, but in community. In a ministry like Cru we have so many resources that allow us to do things by ourselves, but God has made it clear that the Great Commission is a community calling, not a call to individuals. At Cru17, we hope to set the table for a conversation about how we can be WITH God, WITH one another, WITH our partners & WITH those who don't yet know Jesus.

## **Praying for a Vehicle**

Even before we knew we would be moving back to the States, my (Nich's) home church gracious lent us a minivan to use during the summer and as we drive out to Colorado for our Cru17 staff conference. We will need to return it around mid-August, and will be looking for a vehicle to purchase. If you or anyone you know has a reliable vehicle (for a family of 5) that is available to purchase around the beginning/middle of August, please let us know through email!

Much love in Christ and in partnership with you,

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