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NEW STAFF UPDATE

Many of you may remember that in the summer of 2013 we had 4 of our interns join staff with Cru. All of these new staff were students leaders at UMass and Smith College. (Jeff Chan, Matt Han, Christina Ryu and Aaron Fears)

We are so blessed that God would use us in the work of raising up laborers for the Kingdom. We know that it is God who has worked in their lives to give them vision for reaching the lost. The university is such a strategic place to grow leaders.

A ccording to a recent interview with Dr. Tim Keller of Redeemer Presbyterian in New York City, "Everyone knows that younger people are far less religious than the generation before ... and despite all the things that we've been doing for the last 30 years, we're losing them."

"If you're on a college campus, you're on the culture's cutting edge." It is, he says, our best leadership development pipeline. By exposing people to the cutting edge of culture where they have to deal with the modern mindset, where they have to deal with non-Christians — that, in Keller's opinion, is the best way to develop pastors and lay leaders. (http://byfaithonline.com/ keller-and-duncan-a-more-relevant-pca/)

At this point Aaron Fears has finished raising support and is now in North Carolina working with the Athletes in Action (a ministry of Cru working to reach athletes on campus).

Matt Han (who is down in Texas) and Christina Ryu (who will be going to New York City) are both nearly finished with raising their financial support.



Jeff Chan (who has finished raising his support and is working with Cru in New York City) was recently featured in a video produced by Cru. The video casts some vision for NYC, Jeff's personal journey and his passion for connecting students with the amazing message of the gospel. We invite you to check out the video at:

http://vimeo.com/112338776



And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2

From inadequate to surrender

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This year as part of the Epicenter Conference, Patrick Dibble gave his testimony about how God led him to decided to go on Breakthrough Summer Project with us, this past summer.

The Lord really used this experience in Patrick's life. He realized as he felt the Lord call him, that he was inadequate for the mission the Lord has called him to. And it is always true. But, in the end, the Lord is enough. He calls us to do what only He can do. And we are left only to surrender.

We invite you to watch the video and pray for Patrick as he will be returning this summer to the Middle East as one of the missions directors of the project.



http:// vimeo.com/117416218



- 1. Please pray for us as we are tired and the lack of interns this year is taking it's toll on our bodies, minds and emotions.
- 2. Please pray that we will abide in Christ, the source of life and light. That we may be refreshed in Him and satisfied by him. That we will experience His goodness and joy to overflowing.
- 3. Please pray for us as we seek to be wise and godly parents. Pray for our children that they will walk faithfully with the Lord all the days of their lives.
- 4. Pray for us to lead our team and our students in wisdom, boldness and compassion, so that our team and students will live out the gospel and experience God's grace and truth in community.
- 5. After 8 years at UMass God may be opening up opportunities for us to minister in a different manner, please pray for us to seek the Lord's will and listen for His wisdom.
- 6. Please pray for our student leaders to grow in dependence of the Lord and His Spirit. And to be bold in sharing the gospel.
- 7. As part of our celebrating 10 years on staff, we have been reading our own prayer letters from 2006-2015. It has been a wonderful journey so far and we are blessed to recount God's kindness in His calling us sinners to participate in his generous and beautiful work.

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