## HALVORSEN MINISTRY UPDATE



Nicole (second from the left) with college students on the Cru Yellowstone Summer Mission

## **Update on Nicole: Summer Mission**

You may remember Nicole, a new staff who I coached for a year during her ministry partner development and who was able to start ministry just about one year ago. I am encouraged to hear about her summer on mission in Yellowstone and I believe you will be too.

"[Every] summer, since I am full time staff with Cru, I have a summer placement every year, whether that is helping to staff a summer mission, grow in my theology through seminary classes, do a summer sabbatical, or continue support raising. This summer I had the privilege of staffing a summer Mission in Yellowstone with 26 students, 4 of them being some of our students from the Pioneer Valley [of Central Massachusetts]. During the summer mission our students got jobs at the National Park doing housekeeping, [while focusing on] growing in their faith and learning what it looks like to build ongoing relationships with their coworkers. Through those relationships they had opportunities to share their stories of how they have been impacted by the Gospel and learn how to be a light for Christ in relational ways, through weekly bonfires where a student would share their story every week and bond over s'mores. Hearing the kinds of spiritual conversations our students would have with their co-workers was encouraging. The Lord was using these relationships to give encouragement and hope when many of their co-workers lives felt hopeless.

"Please be praying with me for each of these students, Mrinal, Anton, Marilia as well as the 26 students I spent with in Yellowstone this summer that they would each continue to turn to Jesus, be established and grounded in Him, and continue to be the aroma of Christ in the spheres of influence where the Lord has placed them."

Many of Cru's summer missions in the States are focused on students learning to minister to coworkers, which is an incredible life-skill to learn. Please pray for all of our students and staff who come back from both state-side and international missions, that they would continue to foster all that the Lord has taught them this summer.

As the new semester comes quickly, please pray for the students and staff who are traveling to their colleges/universities across the country. Pray for all of the campus missionaries who are busy connecting with students flocking back to campuses this Fall. Pray for their safety, dependency on the Lord, and eyes to see those spiritually searching.

Thank you for joining with me in bringing new Cru staff to mission fields like these.



Evelyn (9) and Silas (7) enjoying a NY sunset this summer.