

HALVORSEN MINISTRY UPDATE



Jordan with Buffalo students
and his fiancée, Hannah.

WHAT IS CRU'S NEW STAFF TRAINING LIKE?

Cru's new staff training is a blast. It is like college all over again: a mixture of classes, studying, bonding with new friends, and plenty of opportunities for pick-up soccer games, volleyball, hiking, and the-like in the off-hours. The graduate level seminary classes are a part of this rite of passage, as well as growing in articulating one's call to ministry, cultivating the ability to cast vision, and gathering other practical skills (and needed dependency on the Lord) that will be needed while raising monthly financial support and prayer partners.

Obviously through Covid, these trainings have more recently needed to be held remotely. I am personally sad that these new classes of staff have not been able to bond with each other in the same means as they would during in-person training. But Cru is blessed to still have a significant number of new staff join during these remote sessions (about 280 total!).

MEET JORDAN

Out of this summer's new class of 118 new staff, I began to coach Jordan while he is raising support. He just finished one year interning in Buffalo, NY and will be returning to campuses there, with his new wife by his side as a volunteer, when he is done forming his team of ministry partners.

Jordan was not raised in a Christian home but came to know his Savior in college, after a (now ex) girlfriend brought him to church. Although that relationship ended, he says that helped him realize that church “wasn’t as weird” as he thought it would be. He then was open to attending a college Christian fellowship when another friend invited him, where he eventually heard the Gospel in full and accepted Christ.

This is what he passionately shared with me last week about why he feels called as a missionary with Cru:

After getting involved with Cru, I grew so much in my walk with God and I learned about God’s will for my life. I want to help others experience that Christ-centered community that I experienced, like I dream to one day own a home to lease to college guys in Cru to help them foster fellowship like what I had. Naturally I want to work with Cru since it had such an impact on me.

I desire to see boys turned into men being trained in godliness and becoming spiritual leaders. I want to see guys who are preparing themselves to be leaders. Jesus can turn boys into men, like he did to me. Jesus is the manifestation of truth and can be the rock for young adults to stand on.

I hope to see young adults being established in truth and making decisions with confidence. Students today (including myself when I was in college) are often indecisive and are afraid to make big decisions. They live for the wrong reasons and chase things that won’t satisfy them.

I want to see a community of students becoming their own ministry outside of just on campus. College students are the world’s next leaders and so they need to be reached.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our new classes of staff who have worked to creatively form community with each other and raise their support during the pandemic. Pray for extra perseverance and drive to continue to articulate their call to ministry, stay dependent on the Lord, and raise their goal so they can minister to students on campus.

Pray for Jordan as he begins the challenging journey of ministry partner development. Pray for wisdom as I guide him in refining his communication, give him encouragement, and lead him to the Lord during the highs and lows of fundraising.

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 partnering with me to see new missionaries like Jordan raised up, trained, poured into, and sent out to reach college students here in the Northeast!