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*The outdoor and
experiential ministry of Cru*



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The Harvester

6,000 strong



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Our staff friends in New Zealand made a great thank you video for us. Go to this link to see them and hear for yourself:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9xSjxJ4uTo>

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Imagine 6,000 voices singing, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, early in the morning my song will rise to thee...” Every day began and ended in songs of praise during last month’s National Cru conference in Colorado. Every two years we attend this event, leaving inspired to serve more devotedly and to pray for grander things. This year was no exception—focusing on reaching every people group. Author Jennie Allen urged us to *not grow weary in doing good* and challenged us to “*stop doubting what God can do.*” Cru Vice President, Steve Sellers, reminded us that *our battle is not against flesh and blood, and greater is He who is in us than he who is the world.* UK Pastor Sam Allberry, who experiences same sex attraction and has chosen to be celibate, gave the most Holy Spirit-filled and Biblically spot-on lecture I have ever heard about the covenant between a man and a woman. He also pressed us to consider: *what are the limits of our compassion?* Steve Douglass, Cru President, shared that there are only 1500 unreached people groups and 350 of these are being reached each year, which means *in 5 years there will be none left.* “Think possibility—not limitations,” he urged. “*God is not limited. Christ will return.*”



Where To Now?

Many of the presentations at Basecamp led to further questions about how to be more effective in ministry and how to reach an increasingly distant and hostile culture. Would you pray with us for the Lord's favor as we proclaim Him?



Kick-Off

This August marked our fifth year participating in the northeast Intern kick-off training. The regional team offers us one full day out of a three-day training as an opportunity to expose all the interns in the region to what Lifelines does and to develop their character and readiness to serve Christ in ministry.

This year through kayaking and hiking and experiential programming, we taught about being real, depending on each other, and having right expectations. Our hope is that these new interns will be better prepared for ministry this year and into the future.

We are thankful the region so values our service and that the new interns love it!

The average student spends 3.5 hours a day on social media. "The internet is the campus we need to be on," said our communications director, Chris Lawrence. *Please pray for us as we try new ways to digitally introduce the Creator and as we lure students away from their screens to experience Creation.*

Lifelines Executive Director Mark Brown urged us to consider ways to reframe the Gospel for millennials. *Pray that we will speak the language of today's generation and help them see how the Gospel speaks a vital message into their own experience.*

Cru Global Director, Mark Rutter, encouraged us, "Growth is not an option, it's essential...That's why Lifelines is really critical." *Pray for our Facilitator Schools and programs to truly help people to grow deep in Christ-likeness.*

Dan shared a new model for servant leadership within Lifelines. *Please pray that our teams will effectively use and value each other's gifts for God's glory.*

Thank you for your prayers for me as I emceed the conference and led a brainstorming seminar about overcoming roadblocks. I also oversaw the Lifelines booth that we hosted during the National Cru Conference. *Please pray for the 40 people who signed up to be more involved with Lifelines. Our greatest need right now is for more full-time staff.*



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