

"I'm not sure what to expect...I'm nervous and excited at the same time."

The freshman girl was in line for registration and sharing from the heart about her expectations of Cru's annual Winter Conference in San Diego. She had only recently been involved and was giving up part of her break to attend the conference with other students from her campus

Even the first night she would have been challenged as the speaker gave a message of love and hope. That our lives were meant for more than surviving, but thriving as we walk with Jesus Christ. That we all need the Gospel...the Good News and that this 'news' is a person who cares for us and loves us more than we understand.

Each year hundreds of young people make life decisions at this conference and we are so thankful for your partnership with us to make this

conference happen where we can serve these students! This year was awesome, because there were 25 students that made first time decisions to follow Christ, there were hundreds of decisions to put Christ first in their lives on campus, and hundreds of decisions to serve for a summer or spring break trip in a country overseas. There were also over 100K meals boxed up to serve hungry kids in L.A. and Orange County during our service project and as usual we ended the conference with a party to celebrate all that God had done and to worship and pray in the New Year.

We look forward to 2014 and hope you are too. God is on the move in colleges and universities and we are so excited to see what He does when He gets a hold of the heart of a young person willing to follow Him.

At the end of the conference Wendy and I had the privilege of doing a staff interview for a young woman who has decided to join Cru staff. Like the

freshmen girl at the beginning of the conference she expressed her excitement and nervousness about taking a step of faith. It made me realize we might all feel nervous and excited as we follow Christ's lead. And may that never change!

Thanks so much for running with us in the race to eternity, we love and appreciate you.

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