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Recently at church our pastor was talking about generosity. He was speaking from Philippians 4:19 which says, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

I think what struck me was that many of us can live like money in itself can bring security. But, what Paul is talking about in that passage is that we are secure only in Christ. The security Paul is talking about is a security based on the way the people of that church had a pattern of faithful giving...of generosity. They had been the only church partnering with Paul on his journey through Macedonia. They stood with him. And to emphasize it again, it was their pattern. It wasn't just a whim for them. They had a connection with Paul and his mission...it was something

that touched their heart and their mind. They were investing in God's work. And I love that God's work is people. The changed lives of people.

This is the work you are investing in as well.

Right now on campuses throughout the country Cru ministries are returning back from their Fall Retreats. The retreats during this time of the school year are really geared to help students feel connected. First, connected to God in a life-changing relationship. Second, that they are connected to other students... that they are really experiencing transforming community. Lastly, the focus of the retreats helps them connect to the bigger picture; connecting with God's ongoing work around their campus and the world. That they play a part in God's plan.

What is awesome is that you are playing a part in this plan as well!

We pray for you, as Paul ended Philippians, that you would experience God's grace and that you experience Jesus in new and fresh ways.

We wanted to give you a heads up that we have had some problems with our newsletter in the last few months and realize you may have missed a few copies. Please accept our apologies! We wanted you to know you can go to the link below to catch up:

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