



The Roe's Hatch

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"I grew up in a Christian home and went to church every Sunday. I had learned about the Bible and its stories, but I never truly listened to them."

These are the words that a female student from Verona Area High School recently shared with one of our staff members. She went on to tell more about her story. ***"I was bullied a lot in elementary school and middle school because I wasn't like everyone else, and I knew that. I was made fun of for being a Christian. I lost my faith a little in seventh grade when I started dealing with mental illness. I started self-harming and I attempted suicide for the first time. My problems seemed to keep getting worse, and I attempted suicide a few more times. During my freshman year of high school I started struggling with my sexuality and gender. I dated two girls and they were not positive relationships. These relationships screwed me up, and I attempted suicide for the seventh time. One of my exes had me skip class, smoke, and then raped me. I couldn't believe it happened to me."***



After dealing with all of this pain on her own, this student started attending the Verona Cru High School ministry this past fall. ***"In December, two of my Wildcat Cru group leaders brought me to a college student who had dealt with some of the same issues as me. I re-gave my heart to the Lord in a coffee shop in Verona. I then went to FastBreak [Cru High School's Winter Conference picture above], and that was the first time I really felt loved by God. Since then I have been so encouraged and am walking with God as He heals my heart and heals my scars, both physical and mental."***



Praise God for the way He continues to work as our university and high school leaders reach out to students. What a blessing to see Christ transform lives on high school & university campuses in southern Wisconsin.

Your partnership matters so much! Thank you for helping us see students changed by the Gospel.

Scott & Bonnie Roe



This week I am once again in Panama City Beach with students from White-water and Madison who are engaging Spring Breakers . We are just getting going, but already our groups has had lots of fun and meaningful spiritual conversations with college and high school students. We've clarified the gospel, showcased the love of God, and have witnessed some pray to receive Christ on the beach.



On Sunday morning, I was talking and praying with these Madison guys and realized all four of them had come to Christ through Cru ministry. Three of them while in college, and the other while in high school just happened upon the Jesus film online (see JesusFilm.org) and fell in love with God. Now, they are using this week to tell others about Jesus.



Illinois Cru students decided to head north last week for their Spring Break to visit our movements in Madison and Whitewater to get a vision from staff and students involved in larger movements. Here they are pictured with UW-Whitewater's Willie Warhawk before we spread out to share the gospel .

