

Dear Friends,

Jesus told the story of a great man who sent his servant to invite all he could to a banquet feast he was preparing. Capitalizing on this imagery, we commissioned Cru students to spend a week initiating spiritual conversation with the hopes that many would say yes and join us for the marriage feast of the lamb. We called the week *"Fill the Feast"* and it turned out to be such a fun week.

For many this was the first time they shared their faith, and the common theme was reports of celebration as they saw God move through them. After pairing up with one freshman, who had confessed his initial fear and apprehension, he told me how worthwhile it was and said that Cru needs to always be doing this.

Several Chinese students with very limited spiritual knowledge learned about Jesus. A brother who seemed distant, warmed up as his sister talked about faith.

Could it be that most who have reservations about sharing the gospel with strangers just haven't been a part of good conversations? Our experience is that when people with a little training and humble tact finally step out and talk with others about faith, it usually goes well.

In just four days, there were 355 spiritual conversations reported, 223 people heard the gospel, and at least 31 people indicated decisions for Christ. Here are their names:

<i>Evan</i>	<i>Kyle</i>	<i>Kumba</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Grandma</i>
<i>David</i>	<i>Jessee</i>	<i>Allison</i>	<i>Connor</i>	<i>Mom</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Onel</i>	<i>Megan</i>	<i>Kaitlyn</i>	<i>Dad</i>
<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Hannah</i>	<i>Brianna</i>	
<i>David</i>	<i>Audrey</i>	<i>Bray</i>	<i>Justin</i>	
<i>Jack</i>	<i>Izzy</i>	<i>Jessica</i>	<i>Ebenezel</i>	
<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Saige</i>	<i>Chris</i>	<i>Jesse</i>	

Since that week, more people have heard and responded to the gospel as people have continued to have conversations.

This fall, a couple Madison churches hosted baptisms, and each featured some of our Cru students. All talked about the great growth they've experienced in college, and some described how they came to Christ through

Cru. Watching from the front row of one of these worship services was one of the students who just a week prior heard the gospel and got connected to Cru during *Fill the Feast*.

Thank you for helping us equip students and faculty to keep stepping out to "Fill the Feast."

At this time, Bonnie and I would like to invite you to consider giving a special gift to further our ministry. As many know, this has been an uncharacteristically challenging and expensive year. Although we are provided good health insurance with Cru, our family, especially Bonnie, with her shattered elbow bills, met extremely high costs this year. All our current, and still accruing out-of-pocket expenses are eligible to be reimbursed. The good news is that the orthopedic surgeon told Bonnie that some abnormal bone growth is no longer present, and the projected follow up surgery now seems unnecessary! Grateful to God for answering prayers.

As we look to 2019, we are cognizant of also wanting to be prepared if necessary to replace our 200K mile minivan and other future needs, while also having enough margin to scholarship and care for students around us.

As we're trusting God for a significant amount, we're reminded the Lord has been very generous with our family over the years. So often He's used the kind care of people like you to invest in our family and ministry. We're so grateful.

If you can offer a gift at this time, whether for \$100 or \$10,000 or any other amount, you can do that online at ScottandBonnie.com or mailing a check in the enclosed envelope.



Thanks for your consideration.

Blessings as you enjoy the Christmas Season!

Scott Roe

P.S. Did you know there are lots of other traditional and nontraditional ways to give? For instance, stock gifts, IRA charitable rollovers, a vehicle in good condition, commodities like grain and livestock, valuable jewelry and artwork, and virtual currencies like Bitcoin are also possible ways to contribute, often with tax advantages.

Thank you for your partnership!

Enclosed is a gift of \$_____ to help you in your ministry

(Please make your check payable to "Cru")

Name: _____

We welcome your comments and prayer requests
