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We predicted that students would be starving for meaningful in-person interaction after nearly a year of social isolation and a semester of virtual college courses. But I can honestly say I don't think we realized just *how* hungry they would be. Every student I've met since they've been allowed to return to campus has expressed a depth of desire that I've honestly never really seen.

Over the past few weeks, I have met three young freshmen guys in person to talk to them about Jesus and Cru. Forced to sit 6 feet (or more!) apart, wearing masks, and not touch - I thought they were going to be incredibly short, and incredibly awkward, meetings. I was wrong!

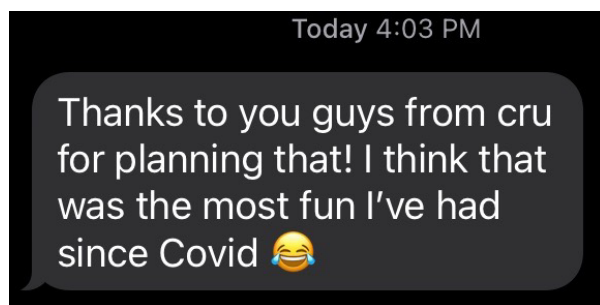
Matt sat with me for a long time, and told me several times that the main reason he had decided to live on-campus this semester was his desire to meet people.



Later, I sat with Colby and his roommate in the Student Center for over an hour. Neither of them seemed to want to leave, and they told me in no uncertain terms that I definitely had to invite them to any events we were able to plan.

Later in the week, all three men attended the "in-person" Bible study (pictured above). I'm not sure I've ever had a 100% Bible study attendance rate for students I met with, but I guess this is the year for firsts! They all lingered even after the study was over, clearly not wanting to leave.

Please be praying for us as we continue to attempt to reach college students, who are clearly incredibly hungry for human interaction and hope. The way is still unclear, but we trust the Lord to show us what to do!



Yours in Christ,
Clay + Emily

We had so much fun! Thanks for planning 🤍🤍🤍

Last weekend, we hosted a "photo scavenger hunt" on campus to help new students meet and explore campus, while remaining Covid safe. It was a huge hit!

FAMILY UPDATE

Emily Starts a New Role

This last week, Emily began a new role within Cru, which she will be doing in addition to her old role (doing printing & design work for SE Ohio). This new role is on the Applications Team, and she will be reviewing and interviewing new applicants for positions as interns and staff with Cru. She is excited to contribute to the mission in a way that will allow her to use some of her strengths, while still being present at home for Elliott & Judah.



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise for a return to campus and God's blessing as we've attempted to find creative ways to keep students safe from COVID and also meet us and each other.
- Praise that our staff team and our family has continued to stay free from COVID infections.
- Praise God for Emily's new role.
- Pray that the relationships formed between students and staff would be fruitful; That the Lord would use them to grow students' faith and bring unbelievers to a saving faith.
- Pray for continued guidance from God on how to proceed with ministry.
- Pray for protection over our team and our family.