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## “THIS JUST FEELS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!”

\*Cara sat across the table from Ellie, a fellow Cru staff member, and Taylor, a Cru student leader. Cara was a freshmen, and had just moved onto campus over the weekend. Over the past few days, she had probably been feeling the emotions that most new college freshmen feel - fear, apprehension, excitement, loneliness, nervousness, anxiousness. But now, in the middle of a campus coffee shop, she was feeling a new feeling - joy! Specifically, the deep joy of knowing Jesus for the first time.

Cara had gotten in touch with Ellie and Taylor after filling out one of our “60 Second Questionnaires”, an outreach strategy designed to help us quickly meet spiritually open freshmen. After agreeing to meet up with them, Ellie and Taylor got to share the gospel with Cara, the first time she had ever heard it explicitly.



As they laid out the Good News in front of her, her eyes (spiritually and physically) opened wide.

“This just feels too good to be true!” she exclaimed.

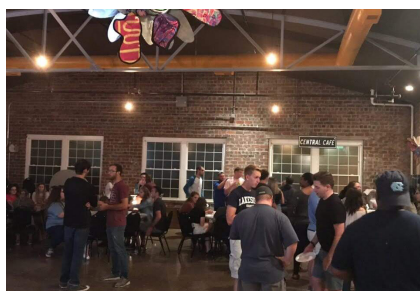
That day, Cara prayed to receive Christ as her Lord and Savior. Joy filled her heart as she realized what felt too good to be true, was true!

Yours in Christ,  
*Clay + Emily*

\*Not her real name.



Students packed into Morton Hall 201 for the first 180 meeting of the year!



Our “Cru Party Uptown” had a great turn out; we hosted a Friday night party for students to mingle and have some fun.

## A NEW ASSIGNMENT

Over the past year, we have had many Financial Partners step off our Ministry Partner Team. Additionally, the cost of living has increased quickly, along with the addition of a child. All of this has resulted in an urgent need to raise more financial support.

As a result, Cru has asked us to step “off campus” for the time being to focus completely on raising the funds we need.

This is a temporary assignment, and we will return to campus ministry as soon as we have raised what we need.

We have always wanted to live in a sustainable way that will help keep us in ministry for the long-haul, and we agree with our leadership that this is the best way to do that, though it is hard for us to be away from the students we care so deeply about.

Please pray with us that the Lord would provide quickly!

# FAMILY UPDATE

## FAMILY VACATION

After the Cru19 Conference (Cru's Biannual All-Staff Conference), we stayed in Colorado for a brief family vacation, backpacking in the Rocky Mountains. On our drive back to Ohio, we stopped in Michigan to attend Emily's family reunion, where Elliott got to spend some good quality time with his grandparents and aunts. Then, finally, we went HOME! It felt good to be back in our own home after 2 months of being away!

## END OF SUMMER

As the summer draws to a close, and we settle into our new (temporary) assignment raising support, we've been attempting to find a new "normal" as a family with an active toddler.

We thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and many kind words as Emily has grieved the loss of her grandma. Her grandpa has been moved into assisted living, and as a family we have been working to finish up dealing with their estate. Please continue to pray for us, and Emily's family, as they finish.



# PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for the 10 Ohio U students who prayed to receive Christ as a result of what God is doing through Cru this week!
- Pray for these new Christians; pray that they would grow and bear much fruit
- Pray that the Lord would continue to put us in contact with freshmen who don't know Jesus; Pray that He would use us to effect change in many of their lives.
- Pray for us in our new temporary assignment as we work on finding new Financial Partners for our ministry.
- Praise the Lord for His abundant faithfulness in providing for us for all of these years, and for His faithfulness to continue to do so in the future.