



JUNE 2019

Nick* stood in front of Clay, arms folded, absorbed in a deep conversation. The streams of students that flowed around them in the Academic Research Center were not even noticed as they talked.

Nick had approached our “Perspectives” table in the building, and had begun talking with Clay about his perspectives on life, morality, truth, meaning, and more. Clearly intelligent, Nick was sharp. He had thought deeply about all the questions Clay brought up.

Finally, he brought up a question of his own. “If God is so good, how could he send anyone to hell?”

“That’s a great question,” Clay replied. “I’m actually taking a class about that very subject right now. Could I tell some of what I’ve learned?”

The student nodded, and Clay began to lay out the Christian theology to help answer his question.

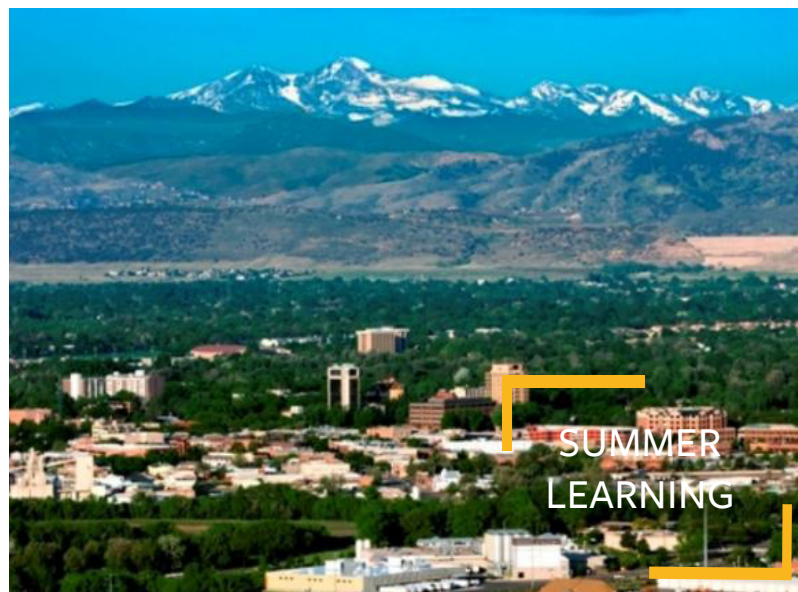
Situations like this are frequent in missionary work. We are called on to “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15). The students and the questions they ask might change, but the need for a solid, culturally-sensitive, Biblically sound answer never does.

This is why we’re grateful that Cru prioritizes our education as missionaries, to help us stay abreast of current issues, and to rightly handle God’s word as we minister to students. This summer, we’ve been assigned to take coursework through Cru’s “International Bible School” (IBS.) in Fort Collins, Colorado at Colorado State University.

Clay and I are both taking “Biblical Interpretation and Communication”, and Clay is also taking “Christian Ethics”, and “God, Bible, & the Holy Spirit.” Each course takes approximately two weeks to complete, and are taught by some incredibly smart and qualified instructors.

We pray and hope that the Lord would help us to use what we learn to draw closer to Him, glorify Him, and share the truth in love with the students we encounter. Thanks for being in it with us as we learn to love the Lord our God with not only all our heart and soul and strength, but also our mind!

*Name changed to protect his identity.



Yours in Christ,
Clay + Emily



The view of Ft. Collins from the top of Horsetooth Mountain.



Elliott prepped and ready for his evening flight that got delayed to a late night flight! (We didn’t depart until 12:30am EST!)

FAMILY UPDATE

TO COLORADO

While in Colorado, Elliott is in childcare for most of the day while we attend classes and do our homework.

He continues to grow and develop beautifully, and we are grateful for all of your prayers for his wellness and growth.

Unfortunately, he has not adjusted to being here well. He is struggling to sleep, won't nap at childcare, and wakes up many times at night. The struggle to adjust to a new routine and a new place has been very hard for all of us!



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our family as we are here in Colorado. Our transition has been hard and the lack of sleep is getting to all of us. Additionally, Emily had to go to the ER on Sunday night for food poisoning, and Elliott has come down with a virus. Pray for sleep, stability, and comfort as we try to adjust.
- Pray that despite the challenges with illness and family, that we'd both be able to focus on our coursework and learn as much as we can.
- Praise God that we all safely arrived in Colorado last week.
- Please continue to for us as we continue to work on raising more financial ministry partners. Pray that the Lord would provide for us, and that we would work hard and be focused on the task.