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"If you could know for sure, 100%, that if you died tonight you'd go to heaven, would you want to know?"

Four years ago, at just about this time, I sat across the table from Olivia in the OU student center, and asked her this question. Naturally quiet, she answered in a soft voice, "Yes."

So, there, in the middle of a bustling campus during the first week of school, I shared the best news the world has ever heard - that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, raised on the third day, and that to experience eternal life with Him, all that is required is that we entrust our lives to him.

That day, Olivia quietly said yes to a relationship with Jesus, and began a relationship with God that would change the entirety of her life. Over the next four years of college, Olivia grew in her faith. She started to pray, read her Bible, and share her faith. She went on a Summer Mission trip, lead a Community Group in a dorm, and spent some time volunteering with our staff team.

This summer, Olivia joined staff with Cru and dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel with college students, just like her freshman self. Out there, all across the US, are students just like Olivia - ready and willing to hear and respond to the gospel, if only someone is there to tell them.

This story feels especially poignant as we start a new school year, and I begin again sharing the gospel dozens of times of day with students - which, honestly, can become quite wearying. It's easy to forget just how significant what I am doing actually is. But right now, I have an amazing reminder in front of my face. Olivia is currently living with us as she raises her financial support, and so every day I get to come home and remember how one simple conversation over coffee can literally change the eternal destiny of a student.

This is our hope and prayer - not only that every student get the opportunity to hear about Jesus, but that they'd respond, believe, and be sent out into the world to help fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetime!

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call on the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching?...."



Olivia (second from right) and me at "Big Break" her freshman year.

Questionnaires

Yesterday we did our "Spiritual Questionnaires", a strategy designed to help us get in touch with as many students, especially freshmen, as we can. This year we completed ALL of our surveys - all 5,500! (A new record!)

Of those 5,500, over 2,600 students indicated a desire to know more about God or hear more about what Cru has to offer. (Also a new record!) Praise the Lord!

Now, we begin the work of getting face to face with all 2,600 of those students. Pray for our efforts!

Prayer + Praise

- Praise God for record numbers from our questionnaires. Pray that we'd also see record numbers of students coming to Christ.
- Pray for softened hearts as students hear the Gospel, for stamina for us and our student leaders, and for boldness and clarity while we share the Good News.

'Til the Whole World Knows,

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