



**NEW STAFF
FIELD TRAINING**
by Kerri

A great thing about my job is the opportunity to participate in the training and development of Cru's most precious resource - new staff. I organized one such opportunity this February - a New Staff and Intern Field Training. A "field training" provides us the chance to equip our new folks in a specific new skill or two in an actual campus setting. I find that these trainings (which we hold every other year) are also a good opportunity for the new staff to build relationships and share common experiences which will serve

them well throughout their staff careers.

This year, our goal was to give the new staff some experience in how to approach launching a new movement. Our UMass team in Amherst, MA has done a phenomenal job launching new movements and they are currently praying that God would open the doors to launch a Destino movement on either the UMass campus or one of the many other college campuses in the area. Destino is a Cru ministry whose primary goal is to reach students of Latin descent.



At the training, we sent out 7 small teams onto different campuses with the goal of determining whether or not a Destino movement might be appropriate and/or welcomed on that particular campus. We call this step "de-coding" a campus. They ask questions such as "Are there currently any Christian clubs or groups here?" "What does it take to start a new student group on this campus?" "Are there many Latino students on this campus?" "Do students primarily live on campus or commute?"

Oftentimes, these de-coding exercises result in a substantial amount of information collected, which is helpful, but often not a lot of actual human contacts. On this day, however, it was abundantly clear that much prayer had been done beforehand, because God

showed up! Of the 7 teams that went out, 4 had significant conversations with key Latino student leaders or key administrators. ALL were excited about the prospect of a Destino movement being started on their campus. In one case, a group got to actually attend a Bible study being held for Spanish speakers on campus! The leader of that group mentioned how she had been feeling discouraged and alone in leading the group and had been praying for God to send someone to help her.

It is both humbling and exciting to think that a training I organized might be used as a key step in reaching lost students in the Amherst area. God is so faithful. Would you join me in praying for two things? 1) That a God would grow the seeds we planted into a thriving Destino movement in the Amherst area; and 2) That the new staff and interns who participated in the training would be encouraged to pray that God would use them to launch an ethnic student movement on their campus. Thanks!

**FAMILY
UPDATE**

Zoe recently celebrated her 7th birthday. How is that possible?! We are so thankful for the precious gift of this sweet girl.



PRAYER & PRAISE

- There were many Northeast students among the 3200+ who over their spring break attended Big Break 2013 in Panama City Beach, FL. God showed up in a big way as students spoke with their peers on the beach! They initiated 12,908 spiritual conversations, which led to 4,636 Gospel presentations and 376 who prayed to become Christ-followers.
- April is a busy month for Jonathan in his role as the NE Conferences and Events Director. He's in Gettysburg, PA April 8-12 with our Missional Team Leaders, then at the Intern Kickoff Weekend in Albany, NY April 12-14 with 30 students who will be interning with Cru next year. Finally, our annual Vision Dinner is on April 27th - we're praying for 500+ to come hear what God is doing in the Northeast!
- Summer is fast approaching! We'll be out in Fort Collins, CO for most of June and July, where Jonathan will be part of the Staff Conference Team and Kerri will be taking classes. We'll join 5,000+ Cru Staff for our Staff Conference at the end of July.