



# Campus Crusade for Christ

Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere



## Musings in Ministry

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Six weeks *flew* by in Vail this summer! The staff team has officially departed and the students remain in the Rockies running the project on their own. It has been the sweetest of summers... And, it's not over yet!

Pictured below are the 39 college students that have joined us in Vail this summer. Our theme is taken from Philippians 2:5, "Your attitude should be that of Christ Jesus." God led our director team to this passage on humility in March as we began to pray and plan. We have continued to trust Him over these past weeks to show us, tangibly, what this looks like.



Through process learning, community groups, our partnership with Vail Church in service to the Valley (40,000 people; only 2,000 regularly attend church), relationships our students have built on-site at their summer jobs (anywhere from Home Depot to landscaping to a coffee shop in the Village), prayer, men's and women's times, staff coaching, a corporate fast and much more, we have seen God work in and through our students' lives.

Jeremy, a student from Wisconsin, had the opportunity to share more about Christ with Brian, a professor, in our on-site weight room. Both workout around 9 PM and Brian shared interest in continuing a dialogue about faith in Christ. Student co-workers that we're praying for are Sid, Monica, Elise, Andy, Joel's acquaintances from Turkey and Bulgaria, James, Carl, Stephanie and others.

As the staff departed, we left each student with a project job. We encouraged them to use their gifts and abilities to help the Body, praying that they will continue to keep the unity and help one another grow in knowledge and maturity in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 4:1-16) I'm excited to see the fruit God causes in their lives and in the hearts of the people with whom they build relationships.

The other staff directors and I head back to Vail on August 8<sup>th</sup> to close the project. Until that time, we will have weekly coaching conversations with the three student directors: John, Lyndsey and Kyle. Please pray for these students as

they lead the whole: for humility, wisdom, discernment, faith and growth. They're amazing leaders!

On a personal note, many of you know that I have struggled at times in my "assignment" in Boston. The road there hasn't been easy in ministry and with my funding, yet I have seen God move ministry *mountains* in the almost three (wow!) years I've been there. He has also continued to develop my character and as we know, this is not always a pleasant process, but oh so fruitful!

I entered my time in Vail this summer with several questions for the Lord. I've never doubted His call in my life to Boston and I've sought to remain content in the

sometimes uncomfortable and even unhappy places, but I wanted to hear from Him regarding my current role on staff, living out east and hoped to gain a greater understanding of why He has me there.

The Lord is so good. Time and again this summer, He spoke to my heart

indicating that I am where He wants me. And, He did more... I laughed more this summer than I have in two+ years, loved well, allowed people to see "me," engaged with women in some very difficult places and saw another hope become reality... I *enjoyed* the Lord **so** much. For those of you who have prayed... *Thank you!* My heart is refreshed and light - I feel I have so much more to offer upon returning to Boston in mid-August.

## CSU 2007 – My Next Assignment

July 14<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> I head to Fort Collins, CO with 8,000-10,000 of my closest Campus Crusade for Christ friends to attend our bi-annual U.S. Staff Conference. ☺ We will hear from our global leaders, connect with the Lord, hear about what He is doing around the world and talk about the future. I appreciate your prayers for this significant gathering. And, I look forward to updating you on my time at CSU and what God does in Vail in August.

***Thank you for your prayers and support! I am blessed to have you in my life!***

**-- Jessica**