



# Campus Crusade for Christ

Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere



## Musings in Ministry

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The best way to begin this update is to apologize to you for my lack of communication over the past several months! I have been completely overwhelmed in life since my return to Boston in August and haven't known what to say, so I haven't written. I thought I'd give an update today.

There have been good things over the past few months, like the arrival of two new members of our Operations Team – both working with me on Conferences and Events no less! Greg (senior staff) and Courtney (a first-time intern) have added so much to the life of our office and have enabled our team to move ahead more fully in accomplishing all that is operations in the Northeast. They are gems and I'm very grateful for them!

Mid-August found me in Orlando at our World Headquarters working on our national Conference Registration System (CRS). For the past two years, two others and I have given oversight as the system went through an upgrade process. We launched CRS 2.0 in August and trained conference personnel from all over the U.S. The process of this upgrade has taken a huge toll on me and required more time and involvement than was initially anticipated. I am grateful that we were able to launch the system and that most of the country has now switched over to it.

In September, I was headed to New York City with a few members of our regional team to help our Brooklyn Stint Team (one year) launch a new campus – Kingsborough College. We handed out 100 Freshman Survival Kits (they include a Bible, an apologetic book & some fun gear) and recently learned that ministry on that campus is now happening! It was a treat to connect with Brandon and Ansley (team leaders), Charlotte, and Sarah who are joining us from the Mid-South this year, trusting God to see that every Brooklyn student has the opportunity to know someone who truly follows Jesus.

October found me in Hartford, Connecticut at our Opportunities of a Lifetime event where we hosted juniors and seniors from all over the Northeast and invited them to consider joining with us after they graduate. It was a sweet time to hear from Mark Gauthier, our National Campus Director and process with students where God was asking them to surrender in life. It was neat to see the desire students had to serve Jesus wherever God takes them after graduation!

And today, I've just returned from our Regional Staff Conference in Speculator, New York where 270 staff, guests and children (99 of them to be exact!) gathered to connect with the Lord, each other and grow in our understanding of how to reach every student. I'm always grateful for our staff after spending time with them at this event. They truly love the Lord and are serving Him well here in New England and New York!

While there has been so much good, I've also struggled this fall. I had my fifth roommate in four years move in, so I'm transitioning again with a new person. I've had so much on my plate that at times, I feel that I've reached capacity and I'm tipping over the edge. My team has been aware of this and has shown such grace to me in the process, yet I'm tired and have a tremendous need to slow down.

I'm pursuing the Lord in this place and know that I need Him to meet me, care for me and show me what to cut out (I already have thoughts and am working towards this! ☺). It has been a sweet time with God as I've evaluated how it all got to this point. Some of that has been hard to see, yet I'm very open to the Lord's gentle way of communicating truth to me in this place.

I really covet your prayers as I continue on during my busiest season of the year. The Boston Winter Conference is five weeks away – it's still my favorite part of my job (I love it!), so I'm excited for what God will do. Though, I really don't know how I'm going to complete everything in these next few weeks. Please pray for me!

It is so encouraging to know that you care for me and are praying for me – especially in places like this one where I feel that I'm failing. I need to experience the Lord's grace here and enable Him to provide the strength to finish all of the 'to-do's' and find rest in the midst of it. You are such an incredible blessing in my life and I couldn't do any of this without you!! I will update you on how things go in January. Thank you for your prayers and as always...

**Thank you** for partnering with me so that **every student** can know someone who truly follows **Jesus!**

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