



# Campus Crusade for Christ

Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere



## Musings in Ministry

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The past week has been horrific for the students at Virginia Tech and my heart and prayers go out to the victims' families. In the midst of such suffering, claiming the lives of 32 students, 4 of whom were involved with Campus Crusade for



Christ at VT, I know that our loving God is actively pursuing those so deeply affected by this tragedy in tremendous ways.

Several stories have recently surfaced from our staff team at VT. You can read more about how God has been and continues to work in the lives of people by visiting: <http://campuscrusadeforchrist.com/virginiatech>.

CCC has also posted several articles addressing the following:

- Where is God in the Midst of Tragedy
- So Why do Bad Things Happen
- Doesn't Evil and Suffering Prove That God Doesn't Care
- Living Without an Answer

Please join me in continued prayer for the victims, their families, the students, faculty and staff at VT, and for our nation as we grieve the loss of these precious men and women. My prayer is that the hope of the Gospel will be evident to us all during this difficult time and that many men and women would find comfort and peace in the person of Jesus Christ.

I believe that in times like these, we have such an opportunity to experience the truth of God's love for us. Having just celebrated Easter, we remember that Jesus is Risen... **He has freed us from sin and given us life!** What an incredible gift.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."*

*John 3:16, NLT*

## CONFERENCE UPDATE

Last time I wrote, I asked you to pray for our upcoming events – Oasis Women's Conference, Intern Kick-off Weekend (20 new interns!), and our Local Leader Conference. I'm happy to say that all three are finished ☺ and that God met and blessed us during these events!

The women of the Northeast gathered in Hyannis, MA for a time of refreshment and personal development. We asked the women this question during evaluation:

What is one thing you'll take away from Oasis?

- "Greater sense that the regional team women care about us."
- "Personal engagement (or re-engagement) with my life and where I'm 'at.'"
- "Feeling more connected with women."
- "Connecting deeply with God – a very special & needed time!"
- "An awareness of my tendency to 'neglect the share of my soul' in ministry and a commitment to fight that."
- "Seeing God's bigger story."
- "Hope."
- "Rest."

So many of our prayers were answered! Many women connect deeply with the Lord, with one another and with the mission. God addressed needs in their lives that enabled



many to refocus their hearts on what He was doing in and through them on campus.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support! It is a blessing to minister to students with you! I will update you soon on the Vail Summer Project. I hope to see many of you who live in Colorado this summer and will be in touch!

*- Jessica*

Pictured Above, Northeast Regional Teammates & Friends (L-R): Alex McReynolds, Leela Murty, Julie Caruccio & Judy Swanson setting up for Oasis ☺

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