

Cru High School LA

November & December 2014

END OF THE YEAR

Special Ministry Goal

Dear friends and family,

In our weekly meetings, we begin by asking the students to tell others what CRU is about. That question is typically followed by someone sharing our mission statement, "A caring community passionate about connecting others to Christ". In one particular meeting however, one student chose to describe us as, "One big family." After working with inner-city kids here, I have grown to realize that even though many of our students come from broken families, the Lord continually used CRU to bring love and restoration. Through providing a sense of family that they long for, we train them to become Christ -centered laborers.



Don't you desire for your life to count, to make a difference? I do, and so I'm thankful that we have a mission that is tremendously purposeful. We have the privilege of mobilizing people to give every person on this earth a chance to hear, understand and experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want students to grasp the beauty of what Christ has done and to reflect His love to people as they are sent into this world to be business leaders, doctors, missionaries, or wherever the Lord calls them. What if every student that graduated with us was sent into their next 40-50 years of life with training and a personal plan to give people a taste of that true life wherever they went? Wouldn't that be amazing? That is our dream for the students of Los Angeles and I wanted to give you an update as to how that's been going so far.

In our first year, we had a weekly movement on campus at Poly High School and an at-home Bible study for Fountain Valley High School. This year, we have expanded to three weekly campus movements along with an off-school meeting with Lakewood High School. Even my weekly Bible study that started with two guys have increased to six students and one volunteer. The Lord has blessed our ministry with growth beyond anything that we could have even dreamed. Many students have come to meet our Savior and growing in their relationship with Him!

We still have much ground to cover, but we are excited about the direction that our great God has us moving. And you are part of the reason that we are seeing such tremendous progress! Because of your generosity to me, I have been able to remain in college while also staying on campus. The entire time, trusting God to turn lost students into Christ-centered laborers. I am SO thankful for you! Being at seventy percent of my goal, I am still faced with the reality that my monthly support is not where it needs to be. Even though the Lord has blessed me with new members to my support team I still have a ways to go.

As you think through your end of the year giving I would love for you to consider helping me reach out to these students both college and high school! Would you consider giving a special gift of \$100, \$300, \$500, or some other amount so that I can continue trusting God to raise up Christ-centered laborers? In order to see my needs met for the year ahead, I am trusting the Lord for \$700 monthly and special gifts to meet \$2000 to meet a year end special ministry need.

I want you to know that I depend solely on the Lord for provisions. Rather, I simply want to give you an opportunity to be a part of His provision. If you are able to increase/start your monthly support, please go to give.cru.org/0750710. If you are able to help with one-time donations, please address your checks to "CRU - 0750710", and mail it to "Cru Donations Services" 100 Lake Hart Drive, Orlando, FL 32832. Thank you so much for partnering with me to turn lost high school students into Christ-centered laborers!

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