

The Seed in the Stump

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August and September have been packed full of opportunities for new students to get plugged into CRU. The Lord has surprised us with the way He is moving in the hearts of students as we step out in faith to expand our influence to include more than just students from a church background.

It would be impossible to fit in this one letter every story of each student God has impacted through your prayers and support this fall.

Thank you! Students have truly been blessed by your partnership in our ministry. Here's just one example:

Ten confused freshman at SLU asked us to explain what we meant by the first question on our survey: "On a scale of 1-10, how important is God in your daily life?" Being from China, they did not know what we meant by "God." After a brief explanation (and the use of the Chinese word for the Christian God that we learned this summer) each of them responded with a low number. But to our amazement every one of them responded "yes" when we asked if they would be interested a small group Bible Study.

One girl named Ling Ling jumped at the offer exclaiming, "Yes, I am very interested!"

In a quiet corner booth of the cafeteria, I met four of them again last Tuesday evening along with another Christian student leader in CRU named Veronica (pictured above left, on the far right). Each of the four Chinese students received their first Bible. After walking through the table of contents together explaining an overview of the different books, we discussed a Chinese translation of the 4-point gospel tract "Knowing God Personally."

They giggled in disbelief when I suggested they read it out loud to one another in Chinese, but I explained that Veronica and I would read along in English. We discussed each point in English after they read it in their heart language.

"So if there was a person who never sinned, that person would never die?" Cynthia asked after we read, "the wages of sin is death" in Romans 6:23. Her

understanding of scripture astounded me. I responded, "There is only one person who ever lived without sin, Jesus. You're right in saying He should have never died, but we will see in the next point why He gave his life for our sake."

Please pray for Cynthia, Yang, Lee, and Liang as we meet again next week to talk more about the 4th point in the gospel outline: "Every individual must personally receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, then they can know God personally and experience His plan for their lives."

We're having a baby girl in January! Please pray for Felicity's health and strength! Join us in celebrating this great gift from God!



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Joe has begun taking a class part-time at Covenant Seminary here in St. Louis. Pray that the continued education would be a blessing to our ministry.

Our Baby Girl!!
She's already beautiful!
Pray that she'll love Jesus!