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Dear Friends,

While my summer mission team and I have never been to Australia, we've had the privilege of getting to know students and staff of our counterpart in Cru there. The staff team was exceptionally busy with the very beginning of their semester but welcomed us wholeheartedly. We were warmly invited to join their weekly gatherings and Bible study groups. This was tremendously encouraging as we reached out to students on three major university campuses in Perth (through Instagram that is.)

Initially, my team was hesitant. They weren't sure what to say in an Instagram message to another college student around the world. But the Australian staff prompted them to simply ask "How they were going," during Coronavirus. We discussed and brainstormed as a team how we could initiate with people following the Instagram pages of three major campuses. Then, as I've seen done in many evangelism trainings, we defined successful evangelism as "taking the intitiative in the power of the Holy Spirit to share Christ and leaving the results to God."

While we didn't immediately see anyone receive Christ or join the ministry in Perth, the students all had something exciting to share with the Australian staff team at the end of our digital mission. Anna shared about meeting Ken, a Japanese foreign exchange student. He had never met a Christian before and after watching Cru's short film "Falling Plates" expressed a desire to go to church. Marisol met a muslim girl who asserted she's not Christian. Marisol didn't give up though but is still pursuing a conversation and hoping they can exchange thoughts on what they believe. Tiffany talked with Amber who is not currently interested in spiritual things but received information about how to know God exists in case she changes her mind. And Daphne found a high school senior who desires to be a part of a Christian group next year.



We are all now focusing on our local areas. With my team in San Diego, we are trying similar strategies to meet students online. Please pray for students to connect with Christian communities even if the universties' regulations prevent meeting in person. We still hope they'll be involved and know Christ and the love of the body of Christ.

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- The students who were exposed to the gospel in Perth, Australia through our digital mission trip
- The four new staff in Japan who are faithfully building their team of financial and prayer ministry partners
- At least 20 freshman from each four year university in San Diego to become involved in Cru