



San Antonio Area Campuses

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This years staff team...getting ready for the semester!

Summer is wrapping up... This summer we were involved in both taking and running some of Cru's continuing education seminary level courses for staff. This is our third time doing this role and once again it was both refreshing and rewarding. It was refreshing as we spent time learning about current issues, apologetics, ethics, and God's plan and love for people through these interesting times. These courses always renew our sense of purpose in reaching this next generation of college students for Christ. What a privilege it is to labor on these campuses and see students make decisions for Christ. Thanks for your support in all of this! We couldn't do it without you!

It was rewarding as we got to work with over 200 new staff and over 200 senior staff and help prepare them to be more effective ministers of the gospel all over the country and world this coming year. Thinking about the lives that God will use those staff to touch in the coming years was pretty amazing. And in part because of these classes they will be prepared, Christ centered, and Biblically based in their ministry. Again, it is a privilege to be a part of preparing those kingdom laborers.

...and things are starting up! Staff here in San Antonio report this week and we have our student leaders retreat and planning time next week. On August 22th UTSA begins classes and then a few days later all the community colleges we are on begin as well. Would you pray that the launches on all these campuses go well? Please pray for favor from the administration. Pray for our student leaders to be committed and motivated. Pray against attacks from the enemy. And pray for much fruit as thousands of new students step foot onto campus.

And a couple random fun things from the summer:

First: Praise the Lord for the students who went on summer missions this summer. James and Josh went overseas to Belize and shared their faith, worked with a local church to build a home, and spent time with children in a needy local school in one of the villages. Roxie and Gaby also went on summer long missions in Colorado. And Priscilla and Adriana went on a ten day mission in CO as well. It is fun to see our students take these steps of faith and hear the stories of how God used them.

Second: We had a group of students in a local mission called Summer Connect. They met weekly to study and fellowship and had homework that was evangelistic. It is a cool concept for those staying in town and working or taking classes as they get to grow and minister right here!

And third: Being in CO ourselves this summer had some great outdoor perks—it wasn't 105 like back in San Antonio! I got to take Elijah and Lily up to the summit of Horsetooth rock. First time for Lily and she did great! We always eat cinnamon rolls on the top of mountains we climb—a tradition that dates back to when I was 12 climbing a mountain with my Uncle Gene. On the right you can see us at the summit.



Prayer requests: **Pray** for the beginning of the semester. We are trusting God for multiplying movements on five campuses. **Pray** for many freshmen to come to know Jesus personally.

—Please **pray** for our health. The start of the fall semester has historically been crazy in terms of illness. Last year we sent out this request asking for prayer specifically for our family's health and God gracious answered your prayers! We had an amazingly healthy semester. We'd love to experience that again! Thanks for praying for us!