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Dear Friends,

Unloading the moving truck in record time only happened because a group of guys came to help us! In that group were both Junior and Vince. Obviously I didn't know those guys yet but I have since come to know their stories. What I've heard is another reason why we are excited to be in San Antonio working with Destino!

Vince was invited early in the year to Destino by Vicki. He started coming and began a friendship with Junior, a leader in the movement. The second week Vince heard a Gospel message. He went to fall retreat and heard it again as well as a couple more times in the men's group and through friends. A month ago when Vince helped us move in he still didn't know Jesus personally. But two weeks ago, when Junior invited Vince to go with him to his



The group that came to the Destino Christmas Party. Vince is standing right in front of me.

church, Vince heard the truth again and put his faith in Christ! That is God working through His body and what we desire to see more and more of in San Antonio. Thanks for investing in guys like Junior and Vince! Please pray for Vince that he would grow over break as he is going home without the community he has developed in San Antonio. Pray also for Vince's roommates who are on spiritual journeys of their own.

At the Christmas party there were mature believers and new believers and a number who are just starting to investigate Christianity. It feels like a lot of students are right on the verge of entering into life changing relationship with Jesus. It is exciting to be able to get in on the ground floor of this ministry and be a part of reaching college students in San Antonio!

Thanks for being a part of sending us and supporting us both in prayer and through your financial giving. The Lord has been so good to us. We have been blessed to have much of our moving expense covered through a couple very generous gifts! But as this year comes to a close there are two specific opportunities that we'd like to share with you. In the past some of you have found this time of year to be a good time of year to give a special gift. If that is you this year, great. If not, please be encouraged to know some of what the Lord is doing here. Seriously, without your prayers we would not be able to do this!

The first need is for a second vehicle. Dan's car was on its last leg and did not make the trip with us to San Antonio. So this vehicle would be for Dan to get to and from campus and drive students to and from conferences and retreats. Sometimes the most effective thing you can do in ministry is get a student to an event! You can give a special gift or you could even donate a vehicle if you are in the position to do so (or have one sitting around needing something to do!) If you are interested in that option, please give me a call/email and we can talk through the specifics. (608-395-7021 or dan.gerard@cru.org)

Another unique opportunity is to help the ministry in San Antonio with its operation budget from which we buy materials for evangelism and discipleship, give scholarships, and rent facilities. Arriving here the budget is in the negative. However, through the end of the year we have a \$1500 matching funds pledge. So any amount you give to that account would get doubled!

Thanks for considering us in your end of the year giving. Please feel no pressure from us either way. We truly appreciate your partnership already!!!

If you decide to join us at this time, please use the enclosed return envelope with a check made out to Cru (*or Campus Crusade for Christ*) or you can give online at <https://give.ccci.org/give/0536610>.

Have a blessed Christmas!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan & DeAnn Gerard". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

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