

June 25, 2013

Dear Friends,

"In 22 years I've never made any real friends – it's hard to have hope that this summer will be any different." Josh's words ring in my ears as I interact with him on our Cru summer missions project. He has a strong personality, a lot of intelligence, not a lot of social intelligence, and a whole lot of wounds – it's not hard to imagine why he's had trouble keeping friends. Heart-breakingly, he's not alone on this project in voicing this as his life experience; more than half of the students with us in Boston have told similar stories of rejection from their peers and profound loneliness.

It is an incredible privilege to be a part of living and speaking the gospel to these students. The grace and truth of Christ has power to bring healing to their wounded hearts, and even to enable them to love and embrace one another through His Spirit. It has been beautiful to see them beginning to experience authenticity and acceptance in relationships with us and each other.

Eight students from across the country have joined us for an "Operations Summer Project," serving Cru staff in technical ways that can often be overlooked, but are critical to the mission of reaching students with the gospel. The projects include building websites to promote global missions, creating videos to cast vision, and connecting high school graduates to campus ministries using social media. The students are also wrestling through the meaning of their work and how it can be both service to God and worship. With Bible studies, personal discipleship, and time sharing the gospel with local college students, we are trusting God to be ministering to their whole person.



We are excited to be here, to love these students and to live in this city. In order to cover the cost to live and work in Boston for the summer we need to raise nearly \$5,500.

Would you prayerfully consider giving a gift of \$75, \$150, \$300, or some other amount to partner with us this summer? If you would like to give electronically, please go online to <http://gillespie.give.cc>; or you can mail a check made out to "Cru": Jason & Faye Gillespie, 12 Green St W, West Lebanon, NH 03784.

We continue to be so grateful for your love, prayers, and investment in seeing the college students of the Northeast reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For His Kingdom,



Jason and Faye,

How exciting to hear about students learning to live out their faith and serve God in the workplace and grow in relationship with one another.



I/We have included a check for \$_____ made out to "Cru."

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Please include this card with your gift. Thanks for your investment.