

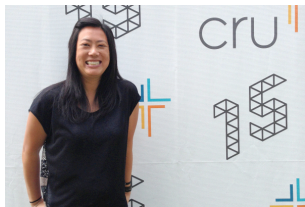
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"GOD IS LOVE" – Cru15
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Wow. Wow. Wow. Those are the words I would use to describe the last two weeks of my summer assignment. I had mentioned in my last newsletter that I spent a month taking classes in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Once classes ended, we jumped straight into our Staff Conference. Every other year, all our Cru staff from around the nation gather together to meet and hear from organizational leaders as well as speakers invited in from around the world. This year 6000+ of us met together and I was reminded of the blessing it is to work for such an incredible organization, but more than that, the blessing it is to serve such an incredible and indescribable God!

We met for 9 days and in that time, heard from organizational leaders as well as thought leaders invited in. Some of my highlights from this conference are pictured below (L to R): Gathering with 6000+ staff from Jesus Film, campus ministry, overseas staff, Athletes in Action, City Ministry, High School ministry, Family Life, and more to worship and come together as one body with one vision to win, build, and send Christ-centered life time multiplying disciples. Me in front of our Cru15 signage as a reminder of the blessing it is to do what I do and for each and every one of you who allows me to continue through your faithful prayers and giving! Hearing from Francis Chan and being reminded of not becoming doers of the Jesus, but lovers of Jesus first and foremost. "For you to have the boldness to preach the gospel, it will require you to love the gospel." Getting to hear from Ney Bailey was one of the most encouraging parts of this conference! Getting to hear from someone who has given his or her life to serve Jesus and radiate Christ gave me vision for his mission! Ney was one of the original staff who joined Cru 54 years ago and is still going strong! She got to see an organization grow from 30 to 6000 and speak of what God has been doing! "Faith is not a feeling, it's a choice we make to take God at his word." Short interview with Dr. John Perkins. John Perkins was born into Mississippi poverty in 1930. After overcoming the seemingly impassable barriers of being black in the segregated South, Dr. Perkins moved to California to escape the oppression of Mississippi's closed society. He has lived the last 54 years engaged in the work of developing our world's most troubling cities. "The Christian life is the out-living of the in-living Christ."

These are just a few of the many, many thought leaders and organizational leaders who were able to share with us at this year's Cru15. If you'd like to listen to any of the testimonies and messages, you can go to <https://cru15.cru.org/> and search video content in the upper right corner. Please continue to pray for Cru and that we would be an organization of people who seek and desire to love Jesus more than anything else in this world, pray for our leaders, and for the unity of our staff to continue engaging in the Great Commission for his ultimate purpose and glory!



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