



One of the highlights for me this last month was getting to speak at the Texas Lonestar Retreat. This year was their largest turn out with 220 students. Speaking back to back retreats was a lot but also something that I found a lot of refreshment in. It was transformational because more than feeling like I was simply teaching, I felt like I was really sharing my own journey through the book of Jonah and inviting students to journey with me. Serving nationally now, I value my time with students so much and am refreshed by getting to share in their journey of faith. Saturday night, I had the privilege of leading 6 students into a personal decision to follow Jesus and it was an honor and joy! THANK YOU for your prayers and being a part of changing my life and the life of students everywhere!

Another part of these next two years will be taking part in what Cru calls Senior Leadership Initiative (SLI). The vision of SLI is to see "generations of key organizational leaders developed to lead Cru towards our mission in a complex and diverse world. It is an intentional time of investment into Cru leaders who shape Cru's leadership culture through growth in character, competence, capacity, and community. I am thankful to have been selected to take part in this program and I can already say that just in this last month, I have felt more stretched and developed as a person and look forward to integrating what I learn through SLI into my personal development and job effectiveness.





The last part of this month was spent in the Holy Land. WOW, What an amazing opportunity and the best way to summarize my time in Israel, visiting the places where Jesus walked, taught, and performed miracles, was life changing. I feel like this trip caused the Bible to come alive in a new and fresh way and it ultimately put a seal of confirmation for me of the last 27 years of my walk with the Lord. Being here was not just an experience but I really believe that it gave me new vision and perspective for where God has me especially as a missionary. Pray for an opportunity to take other staff on a trip like this in the future.

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