

December 15, 2010

Dear

Can you believe that the Christmas season has already started? It seems like just yesterday I was getting on a plane and moving to Hawai'i getting ready to start and now my first semester is already done. It has been amazing as I have been blessed to see the Lord working in His ministry at the University of Hawai'i -- seeing students' lives transformed! It is truly a blessing to do what I do and I am reminded everyday that it is possible because of the grace our great Savior Jesus Christ!

As I've been learning to trust in the goodness of the Lord during this time, I'm often reminded of the students that I work with and how their lives reflect just a small part of that. Steven and Akela are two of our core student leaders. Reading letters from them such as these are just two reminders why I love what I get to do.

"Jamie, I've been learning so much at Cru this semester. I didn't think that I'd really learn much because I grew up in the church all my life, but being exposed to a different setting, other than my church, has really expanded my faith. I have a whole new outlook on prayer and listening to what God has to say to me through resting and praying." Steven (University of Hawai'i Manoa, Sophomore)

"This past year, with all the crazy changes and challenges in my life including changing home churches, going to college, and finding a steady job...getting involved with Cru has been the best possible thing that could have happened in my relationship with God. I have been challenged in my relationships with Jesus, family, friends, (and not-quite-friends), and to really live the Christian life "out loud" before my peers at school and at work. I know that because of His presence in my life, I have no need to be afraid of what the world might throw my way. I am thankful for the past, stoked on the present, and so excited for the future!" Akela (Windward Community College, Freshman)

God is all about changing lives!! Words cannot express my gratitude for each and every one of you who have partnered with me. It's your faithful prayers and financial support that allows me to serve alongside my fellow staff and students here at UH. Thank you so much for the part that you have played in God changing students' lives!

God has been so faithful to provide for my needs this past year. But as 2010 comes to a close and I plan for next year, there are some amazing opportunities that have come up along with the daily responsibilities. One amazing opportunity I get is to be a part of the main meeting lead design team for our annual Epic Conference. From Jan. 13-18th, along with 15 UH students, we will be traveling to San Francisco. This is the largest group we have ever sent to a conference and I look forward to how the Lord will challenge each of them in bringing the mission and gospel back to the islands!!! One other life-changing opportunity I've been given is to co-lead the summer project team to Tokyo, Japan! I know that this will stretch my faith in crazy ways as long as provide some deep leadership training for whatever He has planned for me next this season!

In light of all this, as you think through this holiday season and your end of the year giving, would you consider giving a special gift, increasing your monthly giving, or start giving monthly in order to enable me to continue ministering full time? With all this coming up, I will have extra conference and travel costs. If the Lord puts it on your heart, please use the envelope I have included and write your checks payable to Campus Crusade for Christ as all gifts are tax-deductible or you may give online at

www.give.ccci.org staff #0551103. Thank you in advance!!! <Psalm 27>



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