

May 24, 2011

Dear Friends,

The woman sitting next to me on the commuter train asked what I was doing. "I am translating Hebrew into English." That catapulted us into a great conversation about Jesus. They (her sister was sitting across from us) understood immediately the implications of what I was doing. Baffled by confusing information, they proceeded to air their thoughts from the muddled information they've heard through the years, i.e. did Jesus walk *on* the water or *by* the water... was Jesus just a man like others, or was He a Miracle Worker? I assured them that He **is** the Miracle Worker and went on to explain.

"When I consider him and the other religious leaders, I just think Jesus is the best one," she continued. "You know," I replied, "Jesus' death and resurrection actually did something more than show He was a Miracle Worker. These actions accomplished something for us." I went on to explain what it is that He performed in His death and resurrection. The sister was visibly moved by the thought of Jesus bearing our sin on the cross. The finale of our conversation focused on the resurrection as the pivotal event for the human race. Wouldn't you know, then we were at my stop. As I gathered up my books, they said they'd look for me on the train in the future.

My train story reminds me of the significance of my summer assignment: taking 2 classes. One of the values Campus Crusade holds for its staff is that of being continually trained and developed—that we as staff "may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17). This summer, I will be focusing on theological development by taking two seminary classes at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

Additionally, I will participate in Campus Crusade's bi-annual U.S. staff conference, an eleven-day event in Fort Collins: Training in some of our ministry's best practices... hearing what God is doing through Campus Crusade around the world... praying for God's work... equipping us to influence people (like my commuter train friends) for Christ.... these connect us to God's heart for the world and the mission of Campus Crusade.

The total cost of this summer's seminary work and staff conference (which includes tuition, transportation, housing, and conference costs) comes to \$70/day. In addition to the much appreciated role you play on my team, **would you prayerfully consider sponsoring me for one, two, or three days?** (1 day = \$70, 2 days = \$140, 3 days = \$210.)

If God leads you to give a special gift, **please make your check payable to "Campus Crusade for Christ"** and send it to me in the enclosed envelope—**preferably by June 13th**. Please know that regardless of whether or not you give at this time, I deeply appreciate you and your partnership with me in helping to bring people to Jesus. Please pray for the sisters on the train and others the Lord brings across my path.

Grateful to be part of what God is doing,



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