



God is still at work in the lives of students and faculty across the world, even as much of life moves online.

April 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

You have been on my mind and in my prayers. I know this is a difficult time, and I care about you. I would love to hear how the pandemic has affected you and how I can pray. Feel free to call or email.

In mid-March, as campuses closed and city lockdowns spread, Cru canceled all in-person outreaches, events and gatherings. These changes are only compounded by the anticipated milestones many students will not experience. Like for so many, the loss has been very real for staff and students.

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. (Philippians 1:12)

And yet, because we live in a digital age, ministry amazingly continues. Our innovative staff have figured out ways to connect with students while sheltering in place:

- At the University of Connecticut students are encouraging and equipping other students to engage in sharing the gospel with others.
- Many Cru movements have hosted weekly meetings via Zoom. To continue to develop community, they have used the breakout room feature for small group discussion. And to continue a sense of fun, they've used virtual games like Kahoots.
- Tammy, Cru staff and chaplain at Harvard, has had the unique opportunity to help students move toward Jesus as they process the pain of sports seasons cut short, canceled graduation ceremonies and abrupt good-byes by teaching on ambiguous loss.

Cru has also launched national initiatives to help the body of Christ during this crisis:

- The campus ministry has a new digital ministry toolkit, which includes resources for continuing in evangelism and discipleship while social distancing.
- As I mentioned in a brief email on April 9, Cru hosted a live, virtual event, Be Still, which included worship with Rend Collective and speakers Mark Gauthier, Louie Giglio, Ney Bailey and Crawford Loritts. The event kicked off a 40 day, 24/7 prayer chain. My time in prayer as part of the prayer chain has been very rich and I look forward to more.

Praises

- I am healthy.
- A wonderful home to be "stuck in" during this time.
- You - so faithful to pray and give and encourage.
- Being able to help others - shopping for them.
- My ongoing work with Cru.

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom in leading the team leaders as a group and each one with their unique needs.
- Gain skill in Zoom because for part of the summer I will be a Teacher's Assistant for Cru's Institute of Biblical Studies beginning May 18th.



Enjoying the memory of a fun weekend away with friends.

It's because of you that I am able to be on the frontlines of ministry. Thank you. May God use our efforts for His praise and glory.

Trusting our Faithful Father,

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