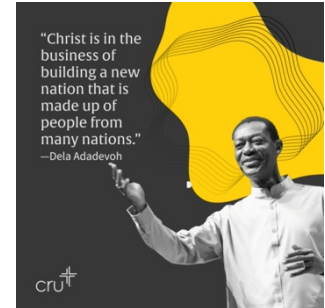


August 30, 2022

Dear Friends,

The Lord answered much prayer and did a work in our midst; Cru 22 was just what I / we needed. We drew near to the Lord, we were appropriately exhorted to love others, and we focused on the world. All to the glory of God. Our work is the very work God is doing in the world and we have the privilege to be a part of it.



With renewed vision and hope we begin a new school year. For the third year in a row, August was full preparing for and being with the team leaders. We prayed, looked in the Word together, discussed results from a workplace survey, set some personal action steps, shared opportunities for going internationally, and more. We made the most of our in person day of our three days by having lots of time for the sidebar conversations to happen. I know that can be the best part of the meetings and is critical in moving us ahead together as a cohort of leaders.



I've been a part of more than 40 fall semesters if you include my college years. Always, we are working hard to meet students whose hearts and minds God is stirring. **Read what Tereasa, a second year Boston University said about her experience last year:** "I was very closed off in church. And despite going to church every week, I didn't have a relationship with God or his people. I was just an angry person; I was just bitter and I shut myself off from everyone and everything—including God.

"But God pursued me in Boston. And I'm so thankful my friend Galilee invited me to a Monday Night Cru event. And that's where I met a lot of the people that have poured into me and I've gotten to be very vulnerable with and share my past, my struggles, my sins, and just a lot of hurt and pain that I held on to in the past.

"God used them to just speak life into me. I went from being very bitter to loving people into wanting to hug people. He used community to help change me and then for me to seek others. And one of the things that God has been doing in my life is being able to just share my faith. Even despite my anxiety and despite still learning and growing in Him.

"I've had conversations with my friend at work (his name is Brian) about what God's doing in my life and my faith background and his faith background. And it was really cool to share that with him. And my friends in "Posse" have also been to Cru. My friend Asyana and Naya have been to the roller-skating event I invited them to. And that was really cool to see them in the environment that God just used to open me up to Him..."

Thank you for your partnership with me in this great work. May God bear fruit through us for His glory.

Waiting with anticipation at what God will do,

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