



JULY 2020

LAMB FAMILY

your missionaries

The school year has officially ended and it feels strange. There has been a lack of physical closure as we have been respecting the social distancing guidelines. No in person senior celebrations, no graduation ceremonies, not even a hug to some who have returned home overseas. While this is not the way we would have chosen our year to look like, we choose not to forget and neglect all that the Lord has done and continues to do in the lives of our students.



As you read Kevin was suppose to be helping lead a Cru Summer mission in Boston, but as we all know too well God had different plans this summer.

WHAT WE ARE DOING THIS SUMMER

So this summer we are helping with **Summer Connect**, which is basically Cru in the summer. We have been mostly meeting virtually so far, but prayerfully as our nation starts opening up we hope to be meeting in small physical groups. In past summers we have had about 15-25 students involved with Summer Connect with 2-3 bible students. This year with students having less going on and being able to connect from anywhere in the world, we have around 40 students involved with 7 bible studies. Another cool thing is a majority of the Bible studies are student led.

I (Kevin) also recently took over as the leader of Cru Buffalo, which consists of 9 staff, 4 part-time staff, and 6 college campuses. I have been busy learning my new role and trying to see if we can make some changes that would help us reach more college students while helping our staff maintain a balanced life.

Finally, if covid has taught us anything it is that we need a better online presence. We need to be better at finding students that want to know more about Jesus, and find students who are looking for a place to plug in with other college students that are growing in their relationship with Jesus. There are lots of resources out there, so I am grateful for some time to **research different options and to start experimenting with online college student evangelism.**

STUDENTS ARE BEING SENT

During a time where it just seems like life is at a stand still or moving backward, it has been a blessing to see some of our Cru Buffalo graduating seniors take huge steps of faith to intern with Cru for a few years, and raise funds during this time to intern. Here are a list of the students we are sending this year and where they are going:

- * **Tommy - helping Cru staff Umass.** * **Mary Ellen- Buffalo**
- * **Joi - Middle East** * **Craig - East Asia**
- * **Hailey - North Carolina to serve with Athletes in Action**



Craig - Interning with Cru next year in East Asia

I (Kevin) have had the privilege of working with Craig (from above) since he transferred to University at Buffalo his sophomore year. He recently sent me a text I wanted to share with you to show you the type of impact you are helping us have in students lives:

"Hey Kevin, I just wanted to say thank you for all that you have done for me. you've been patient with me and have invested a lot of time into me. Pointing me to Christ and showing me what a man of God looks like. Growing up I had a dad but he never told me I had what it takes and I've longed for that my whole life. You have shown me that I can make a difference in the world and I look up to you a lot. Thank you ♥"

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