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When things don't go our way

This has been my (Paul) first year in leadership and I would definitely say it's been a learning year. As far as ministry goes, we've exceeded my expectations. Students have come to Christ and some of our movements have grown beyond what we were expecting.

There have been some discouraging aspects though. Our team has experienced a good deal of attack and discouragement through it all. In the end, the other couple on our team decided, with the addition of their new baby, to leave our team and live closer to family.

While disappointing, I find myself returning to the promises of Romans 8:28 and reminded of God's sovereignty. He wasn't surprised that our teammates decided to go live by their family. He wasn't surprised that much of our team had a hard year last year. In fact, He may have led us through it to help us lean more on Him. It's in these times I remember God is in control, and that's a comforting thought.

The Insanity of Fall



Us (bottom left corner) along with a few other Destino staff in Colorado at the U.S. Staff Conference in July.

This month we begin our Fall outreaches. Tens of thousands of students will set foot on campuses across Los Angeles for the first time and we want each of them to have a chance to hear the Gospel at least once before they leave that campus. Please pray that our outreaches would be effective and that we would see students coming to Christ, being built up in their faith, and sent out to make a difference in the world for Christ. Our team begins planning this week. Pray that we experience God's power to multiply our efforts.

Pray with us...

- For the start of the new year—that many students will hear the gospel and begin to follow Christ and make disciples.
- For our team—to adjust back to the busy schedule and stay encouraged, even with fewer numbers.
- For our intern, Joel, to finish up his support to join us this week. Praise God that we are getting another male and another Latino to work with us!
- For our student leaders to remain strong in their love for the Lord and for each other—that they wouldn't get tangled up by sin or busyness.

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New Name, Same Vision







As some of you may know Campus Crusade for Christ made an exciting announcement this last month. Our leadership has decided to officially change the name of Campus Crusade for Christ in the US to Cru. Cru has been in use on many campuses throughout the nation already and when they did the research they realized it was time for a change. Fully 20% of people who said they would be interested in talking to someone about spiritual things decided they would not talk to someone if they knew they were from a group called Campus Crusade for Christ. Additionally, unless they had known Campus Crusade before, they never associated the word Cru with the word crusade; a word we were finding offended some.

I am excited for the change. Our leadership pinpointed a way our organization was standing in the way of getting the Gospel out to more people and they changed it. Our mission is still the same, we will be doing the same things we did at first, but now, hopefully, 20% more people will be willing to talk and listen. It's an exciting time to be a part of Cru.

For more information, discussion, and media about the name change, go to ccci.org/cru. Of course, you are more than welcome to call or email us as well. We would love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have!

Pics from top: Vonette Bright leads us in a renewal of our missionary vows at our US Staff Conference. Our emcee interviews Vonette and the very first woman she led to Christ at UCLA in 1952 (she has also been a missionary for 50+ years)! Francis Chan leads us all in a time or worship, prayer, and repentance...the highlight of conference. Right: Our teammate Olivia interviews Dina Martinez, a Destino intern at UC Santa Barbara. You can watch videos from our conference at ccci.org/csu.



Thank you,

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