CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

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Dear «Greeting»,

Wow! We have finally taken a breath. On August 19th 3,600 freshmen rolled into Muncie and unpacked in their new homes for the next four years. I have heard it said that a freshman comes to college with two things. His books in one hand and his umbilical cord in the other looking for a place to plug in. When I think back to my first year of college I can remember the feelings of fear, loneliness, and insecurity. You are in a huge new place, with a lot of new people. I remember asking myself the question, "where can I find friends, and where can I find a place to belong?"

Well, for the last two weeks the staff and student leaders have been working hard to survey every single freshman on campus and invite them to belong, first to Christ, and then to CRU. We do this by standing on the busiest street corner on campus asking the freshmen to fill out a New Student Questionnaire (NSQ). This questionnaire asks two important questions. Who do you think Jesus is? And, would you like to know more about Jesus? After three days of reaching out to the freshmen class we had much to thank the Lord for. 1,800 freshmen filled out an NSQ, we gave away over 1,000 More Than A Carpenter books, and over 700 students showed up at our first weekly meeting. Praise the Lord!



Over the next few months we will be following up on those questionnaires by calling those students who expressed an interest in knowing more about a relationship with Jesus. In meeting with those students we are able to share the gospel as well as invite them to come to a small group Bible study that meets in their dorm. The best part about this is that our juniors and seniors involved in CRU are doing a lot of the follow up with us or even on their own. They have grabbed hold of the vision of knowing Christ and making him known.



Jason, pictured here, is a sophomore who lives in Studebaker dorm. He leads a small group Bible study on campus. Jason showed up to Ball State almost a week earlier than he needed to in order to invest his time in meeting new freshmen. Jason stood on the campus corners introducing himself and talking with other students about Christ for more than three hours a day.

When I see a student spend that much time laboring for the Lord it is a testimony to what the Lord has done in his heart. Jason has an eternal perspective. He realizes that people are one of the only things that will truly last for all eternity. And so, he spends his time impacting and investing in eternity.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THIS MONTH

- STAFF AND STUDENTS WOULD CONNECT WITH, AND BE ABLE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH, MANY FRESHMEN.
- ◆ CRU (OUR WEEKLY MEETING) WOULD BE GLORIFY-ING TO GOD AND WOULD POINT STUDENTS TO CHRIST.
- ♦ PREPARATIONS FOR FALL RETREAT WHICH IS HAPPENING SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 1.
- HEATHER, AS SHE IS NOW 7 MONTHS ALONG WITH OUR THIRD CHILD!
- ♦ THE BABY! DUE DATE IS NOVEMBER 28TH!
- ♦ HEATHER AND I AS WE PREPARE FOR THREE KIDS.





Ethan and Sydney have loved seeing all the students again. They are really excited about a new baby brother!

Thank you so much for your prayer and support. We love you!

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