

# The Roe's Hatch

May 30, 2013



Dear Partner,

We know God is using our various Cru movements to change lives all the time. Some students come in as believers and are looking for a safe refuge from the pull of the campus lifestyle. Others find Christ here and for the first time experience God's love and forgiveness. We want all to benefit from the strong community and biblical framework and live out of a God-centered, mission-driven mindset now and for a lifetime.

Recently we asked six of our students to briefly write what Cru has meant to them. They represent only a handful of the stories that could be told.

Know that your partnership fuels stories like these.

With grateful hearts,

*Scott & Bonnie Roe*



## PRAYER WELCOMED

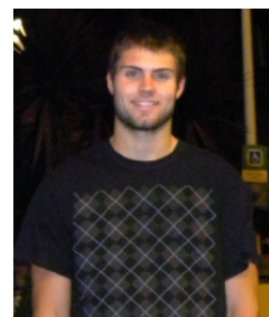
1. After more delays, praise God that Evan finally had his procedure this week on his teeth and that everything went well. What a relief to have that behind us!
2. Pray for the 50 plus students who have or will be departing for mission trips this summer. Pray that God develops them while producing lasting fruit.
3. Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual restoration as we try to slow the pace during June for a sabbatical.

*Cassie* Growing up, going to church on Sunday was the extent of my faith. School, sports, and friends defined who I was in high school. I knew God loved me, but I still felt as though I had to do certain things to be accepted in God's eyes. I didn't understand what it was like to have a personal relationship with God, until I came to college. My freshman year, I was invited to a Cru bible study in my dorm. Through bible studies and the Cru weekly meeting, I learned how to have a relationship with God and live for Him every day. Instead of putting God in a box that I only opened on Sundays, God became the central part of my life. Cru has been an essential part of my faith and journey throughout college.



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*CJ* I opened the door to find two college kids drinking Arnold Palmers and holding a Frisbee. They asked if I would be interested in joining a dorm bible study and I halfheartedly agreed out of my inability to think of a legitimate excuse. That semester, I would attend a couple studies, say all the right "Christian things" and then go on living my sinful life. Over winter break, though, I hit rock bottom. I felt willing to give up my values for what I wanted, but I heard God's voice through the storm and instead I surrendered. When I returned to school, I couldn't wait to get to bible study. I've developed amazing relationships with those guys and they continue to be a blessing in my life. Cru gives students like me somewhere to turn. I am forever grateful for the impact Cru has had on my life.



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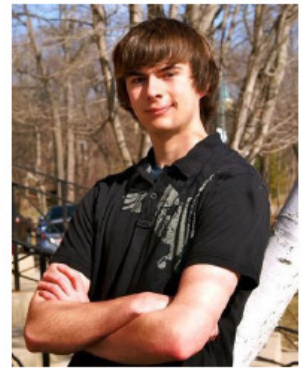
**Callie** When my family moved to Wisconsin right before I started college, I was very sad to be leaving Ohio behind, but excited for what lay ahead. Once on the Whitewater campus, however, my excitement quickly faded into terror. I felt as if I did not belong anywhere. I



knew I wanted to get involved with a Christian organization, but I was having trouble connecting. A few weeks into the semester, Whitewater Cru had their Spring Retreat, and I knew God wanted me to go. The community was so welcoming and I felt right at home. Cru helped me majorly in the college transition, and without that connection, I would probably be on my way back to a college in Ohio.

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**Take** Since I joined Cru, I have grown immensely in my spiritual life. The longing I had for a relationship with God was filled and I had plenty of new friends around me to share my joy. I am very proud of the friends I made through Cru, and the staff are amazing role models. They have given me guidance and shown me how to share my faith with others. Thanks to the staff, bible study is fun and engaging-- it's the one thing I can count on every week to pick me up. I hope to increase my activity with Cru and become a leader for another lost soul like me. Cru has



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**Joy** Coming onto campus this year, I was thrust into a new world full of new people who had values extremely different than my own. I was scared that I wouldn't find friends who loved the things I loved, including my savior. But then some upperclassmen invited me to get involved in Cru. I joined a bible study in my dorm and started going to Primetime, our weekly meeting. The worship music at Primetime is incredible and the speakers are great at revealing truth. I went to the fall retreat and grew closer to the other people in Cru and started to realize this was the community I was longing for. Cru has given me a loving community of Christians who seek the Lord and listen to his will, and for this I am extremely grateful.



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**Hannah** Attending Cru's spring break conference during my freshman year showed me the importance of the Gospel in my life. Entering my sophomore year of college, it was clearly revealed to me how desperately I needed to full-heartedly pursue my faith. After placing my life in Jesus' hands, I have seen him bless me beyond anything I could have possibly imagined. I am doing things I would have never considered before: leading a Bible study, traveling the country with Cru, and considering a future career in ministry after graduation. The Lord has provided me with so many wonderful opportunities and relationships through Cru and for that I am eternally grateful.



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