



Dear Partner,

Trevor could barely get his words out during the final sharing time at our Madison fall retreat. Through tears he told of praying for his younger brother daily— for two years— and then and there, on Saturday night, he placed his faith in Christ. As the two embraced, scores of other eyes joined his and teared up amidst claps and cheers of celebration. Out of the 200 students, including an all time high of 80 freshmen who joined us this year, six more freshmen had stood to proclaim a decision to come to Christ.

A couple days later I was invited by Sam, a Cru intern, to meet with another one of these new believers to talk further about his decision. His name is Chris, and I found out he too has older siblings who were jubilant after he texted them that he committed his life to Christ. Chris was beaming ear-to-ear as he talked about his new found joy and the new friends and community he's experiencing.



We talked about a simple plan to read the Bible and continue to grow in his faith. He had already made plans to join a number of other students later that night for a "Date night with Jesus," where students set aside a couple hours to create quiet space to read the Bible, pray, journal and in other ways spend time with God.

As you think about it, please pray for these and other students to grow and become vitally connected to the Bible studies we offer in their dorms, to our movement, and to a good church. The culture on campus can be very challenging, especially for a new believer who may have been living a lifestyle with other friends that can be hard to break. Pray they will also know how to communicate about their new faith to family and friends.



Thank you for helping us change lives for Christ,

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UW-Madison Cru Fall Retreat

Read this is to gain a little perspective on retreats:

The week before our family spent the weekend with students at the UW-Madison retreat, I spent a couple days playing football, sleeping in a bunk bed in a sleeping bag, and hanging out with students at the UW-Whitewater Cru fall retreat. This was the second time I got to be their weekend speaker and I had fun teaching from the life of Paul. I was able to showcase God and His Grace while talking about Paul's transformed life, his perspective on persevering through trials, and his commitment to sharing the gospel with people everywhere.

But retreats are more than just the teaching. We love to bring students away from the busyness or mundaneness of life as normal because they are incredible venues for people to slow, focus, and try to hear from God. As Nobel Peace Prize winner and one of the leaders of the Student Volunteer Movement John Mott, said "If I had to do it all over again, I would have had more conferences because at conferences more critical decisions are made than at any other place."

This is part of our philosophy and why at times before we changed our name to Cru people would humorously refer to us Campus Crusade for Conferences.

We are thrilled that a good number of students made decisions to trust Christ at our two fall retreats this year, yet the bulk of the retreats were geared for students who were already Christ-followers. They were encouraged, taught, and challenged in a myriad of ways so they can make monumental, God-honoring decisions about their lives during college and afterward.

So if you ever wondered why we do so many retreats, conferences, and trips, that's part of the answer. Besides that, retreats often fit in to peoples' schedules and allow us to spend lots of concentrated hours investing in the future laborers for the world.

We welcome your prayers:

- Please pray for boldness and fruitfulness as Madison Cru students write up their testimonies to share with people in person and online next week.
- Pray for Scott as he prepares an evangelistic talk to be delivered on campus this Halloween.
- Pray for our family to love and walk with Jesus, especially amidst the busyness & stresses of life.
- Pray for Juniors and Seniors invited to our Life Options Conference November 15-16, designed to help students as they choose a career to be good stewards of their life after college.
- Pray for God to raise up 100 new committed volunteers to help us disciple students and coach ministries in Whitewater, Platteville, and Madison, while showing us how to train and coach them well.