



The Roe's Patch



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Dear Partners,

July was like a refreshing gulp of fresh spring water after a long hike up a mountain. Our Cru national staff conference in Milwaukee was incredible! Conversations with friends we've served with over so many seasons, hearing great speakers, including our new Cru president, and worshipping the living God in an arena with 4,000 peers with one vision and mission offered a true glimpse into the heaven we long for.



Our vision and calling were refreshed. The God of the universe chooses to use us (and you!) in his plan to bring people back to Him.

Dela Adadevo, vice president of global leadership, reminded us that even creation declares the glory of God, his immortality and his love, all wrapped up and revealed to us in his son. And when we more fully grasp this unfathomable love, we're bound to love others authentically and live out our calling as ministers of reconciliation. He has reconciled us, and so he is making his appeal through us (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

God is at work, wooing people to himself across the globe and here at home. Young people are turning to him in droves, and high school and college students have been going for it on summer missions. Cru High School ministry reported seeing students come to Christ every 2.9 times the gospel was shared, which lines up with what our staff and students saw over spring break in Panama City Beach. Among Gen Z (ages 13-28), Bible sales increased by 22% in 2024. In a world full of uncertainty and division, God is on the move.

He's on the move here in Madison as well, with a great group of committed students turning out week after week for Summer Cru. With a mix of Bible study, worship, fellowship, and outreach, we're seeing momentum from the school year carry right through the summer, which is quickly coming to an end.



We're grateful for a time of refreshment, as here we are in the final month before our oldest daughter heads back for her junior year of college at Notre Dame and our middle daughter begins her freshman year at UW-Madison! Evan will begin high school at Abundant Life Christian School this month. For those who have been through this season, you know it is a time of excitement, busyness, and emotional toll! Please pray for us to adjust to a household of only three! Pray for Evan and Brenna as they transition to new schools. Pray for Scott as he recently welcomed Alex Bell to lead Southern Wisconsin Cru along side him, and for me (Bonnie) as I am just beginning a new role as communications specialist on Cru's campus ministry communications team. I'm excited to use my love of writing and journalism degree while continuing my favorite roles on our local campus ministry team, including helping train our six southern Wisconsin interns!



We're so grateful for your support of this vital work. You are a strategic partner in reaching the whole campus to reach the whole world.

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