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Two weeks ago we had our Fall Retreat. It was the first real retreat we've had since the start of COVID, and we were struggling to trust the Lord for it, wondering how it would possibly go. I'm happy to say, it was AMAZING. The Lord blessed it abundantly. Please enjoy the following quotes we collected from students from our testimony sharing time on the last night, text messages, and social media posts.

"I just joined [Cru] and I'm loving every second. So many people are going through problems and it's not just me alone. I'm so thankful that God loves me and loves all of you too." - Jack

"I was scared that I was going to be alone here [at college], but feel like I now have a real relationship with the girls in my Community Group (Bible study) and in my relationship with Jesus." - Anonymous

"Hey Jake, just wanted to reach out and thank you. You found me at the perfect point in my life and inspired me to join cru.. I was going down the wrong path for awhile, but I stopped once I started going to 180 [our weekly meeting] consistently. Fall Retreat has inspired me to keep living like that, and I want to take everything I learned this weekend and apply it to my everyday life. Thank you!" - James



Clay + Emily

FAMILY UPDATE

Thank you to all who prayed for Judah after his accident. We have seen a specialist at Nationwide Children's, and they had great news for us. The bone in his finger was barely fractured, and would heal on it's own without a splint or a cast. The fingernail and the fingertip is now our main concern, and unfortunately only time will tell how it will heal and if he will need further procedures on it. He is not in any more pain, and seems more bothered by his bandages than the wound.

The rest of us are quite healthy and turning our eyes toward the holidays. Thank you for loving our family!



Judah displaying his "Judah Joy" even while in the ER for his hand accident.



He was such a trooper and hardly complained about any part of the process.



He had a few fussy days, but is fine now. Here he is playing with our cat, Rufus.



Elliott has been taking swim lessons and is making great progress.



Elliott with a few friends at his preschool's "Harvest Party".



The boys dressed up as dinosaurs and enjoyed our neighborhood party on the 31st.

PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God that Judah's hand injury was not as severe as it could have been, and that he has been largely not in pain since it happened.
- Pray for continued healing; for full restoration of form, function, feeling, and the aesthetics of his finger and fingernail.
- Praise God for the 140 students who attended Fall Retreat!
- Pray for continued momentum from the retreat, for both our students and our ministry. Pray that the students would take what they learned with them, and continue to grow in holiness and earnestness. Pray for our ministry to continue to draw in non-believers and see people come to know Christ.
- Pray for our family as we continue to navigate changing childcare situations with COVID.