

New Year, New Vision

opalachian Cru at Ohio U September 1, 2015

The first week of college classes. The August weather is hot, but the wind traveling through the Appalachian foothills is incredibly pleasant. The once quiet sidewalks are filled with the sound of thousands of footsteps. Students are reuniting with dear friends as they see them for the first time in

several months. Freshmen and seniors alike walk to their classes with some level of anticipation. The air is filled with possibility as a new chapter begins.



This is no different for the staff and students involved with Cru as the new school year begins. Every year, our students reunite, excited to take the gospel with them and share with thousands of students on campus. During the first couple of days of school, questionnaires are passed out. Each student who responds positively is called and invited to meet with a Cru staff or student volunteer one-on-one. During that meeting, they hear about opportunities to become involved with Cru and in some cases, hear the gospel for the very first time.

This all took place last week as students and staff worked together to share the gospel and connect with new students. They passed out questionnaires

Student volunteers passing out "6o-Second" during the involvement Questionnaires" in the student center at OU. fair as well as the first day of classes. 5,254 students

filled out these questionnaires, with 2,121 students responding positively and requesting more information!

There are also new possibilities this school year as staff and students work towards more effectively reaching a wider range of students on campus. As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, ethnic diversity was an important focus during our time at our national staff conference in July and has been with our movement as well. Last year, a couple of our interns and several of our student leaders (who are all ethnic minorities) would meet weekly to discuss, dream and pray about how to not just draw more minority students to our meetings, but how to create a deeper involvement in our ministry.



(L-R) Lexi and Shayla, the interns heading up our newest Community Group.

After much thought and prayer (7 years of prayer, specifically!), these leaders will be starting a Community Group (Bible study) within Cru that is specifically for minority students of any kind. They are hoping to reach these students in a more intimate setting and then invite those students to come alongside them to the weekly meeting, conferences, retreats, and even on summer missions trips. Ultimately, by creating a safe environment for these students, the hope is to be able to win these students to faith in Christ, build them up, and send them out upon graduation to take the gospel to places that might otherwise be almost impossible to reach.

We are excited for this chapter of Southeast Ohio Cru as it begins. Please pray alongside of us this month for the several thousand college students who will have an opportunity to hear the gospel for the first time.

'Til the whole world knows,

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Prayer Requests for The Selways for September

Stick this card anywhere that will remind you to pray!

1. Pray that students would come to Christ.

2. Pray that we would be able to return to campus quickly so that we can assist our staff team. Their capacity and ability to reach students is reduced until we come back - so pray for God's swift and miraculous provision!

3. Pray for our interns, Shayla and Lexi, as well as our student leaders Josh, Jeremy, and Angel as they seek to minister to minority students on campus. 4. Pray for the local churches in southeast Ohio that partner with our movement. Pray that the students who come to Christ and get connected with our movement would get connected to a local church, and that the local church would become a vital part of their discipleship over the next 4 years.

We'd love to pray for you. Please share your prayer requests with us! 937-657-0694/emily.selway@cru.org