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"We don't settle for less than the entire fulfillment of the Great Commission," our global president of Cru, Steve Douglass, said, reminding us of our deepest desire to help give everyone in the world a chance to know Jesus.

Our 10 days in Orlando for our New Staff Training Conference reunited us with friends who will be serving around the globe to reach students for Jesus, just as we will be doing in Slovenia. We are excited to trust God for the vision of giving every person a chance to hear the gospel, to grow in their faith, and to follow the Lord wherever he leads them to reach others with this life-saving, life-changing message.

Through our training, we were equipped to invite others into the mighty task of accomplishing the Great Commission in this generation. We heard about how God is moving around the worldin Africa, East Asia and across Europe. As we exchanged stories, one in particular captivated us.

Our friend Lauren, during her last two weeks serving in the Middle East, met a young woman named "Eden". This young woman who grew up in a Muslim home had been reading the Bible-a remarkable act of God in and of itself. On her own initiative, Eden went to a church and met our friend Lauren there. Eden explained she had many questions and wanted to talk further.

The two women met the next day for coffee and scoured the Bible together to answer Eden's challenging questions, and through the testimony of another US college student on a short-term mission's trip with Cru, Eden became a Christian! Lauren was invited to dinner with Eden's family and was even asked to pray in Jesus' name by this new, young Christian, with the agreement of her family. The Lord is truly at work to reach the world through college students.

During our training, we were reminded of our call to return to Slovenia to help raise up followers of Jesus who will walk with him for a lifetime and help others do the same.

On our final evening together, we were commissioned by Cru. We were charged in the power of the Holy Spirit to make disciples and reach the nations for God's glory and the transformation of lives in every corner of the world. We are blessed to play a part of the Lord's global plan, and we are excited to see how He continues to use us to reach college students in every country.

Helping fulfill the Great Commission through your partnership,



A group photo of our New Staff Training class outside of Cru headquarters in Orlando, FL



Niki and I with Vonette Bright, co-founder of Cru

Prayers

- Pray that God would continue to send out laborers to reach college students around the world with the gospel
- o Pray for us as we begin connecting with current and potential ministry partners-that others would be encouraged by what God is doing in Slovenia through us

Praise

- o Praise the Lord for how he is moving around the world to reach college students through Cru
- o Praise God for our fruitful time in Orlando that encouraged us, equipped us and prepared us for what the Lord has in store for our future