

CRU at UNC

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East Asia Summer Mission



What a great start to the summer! Josh spent 19 days in East Asia with 21 UNC staff and students. Our goal, primarily, was to meet as many people as possible and share the gospel through spiritual conversations.

We took language classes in the morning to learn the culture and have a platform on the university. We spent 4-5 hours each afternoon meeting students. Ministry was very fruitful. By the time I left 9 students had expressed a desire to enter a relationship with Jesus and prayed with one of us.

Pray for the Smiths

-Pray for our local small group with UNC Summer Connect in Chapel Hill June 1 - July 28.

-Pray for Erin and I to connect deeply with the Lord and in new ways this summer. Pray we would be intentional with time he has given us.

-Josh will be traveling to CO for 3 weeks to see his family and be in Ft Collins for the National Staff Conference July 13-22.

-Pray for new supporters to join us as we raise \$900/mo in new support this summer.

-Big News for us! We are expecting Baby #2! With a lot of consultation from doctors we've felt led to grow our family and we are excited to announce **Erin is 17 weeks pregnant with a baby GIRL!** Pray for a healthy full-term pregnancy and for our hearts to be united to God's as we wait.

I got to personally pray with two Asian students. It was a very sweet and genuine experience. They both had never prayed before and one said, "Do I need to go anywhere special or say anything a certain way?" Quite a privilege to help him know you can talk to God anywhere, anytime.

As a team, our goals were to "Love God, Love our Team, Learn the Culture and help Launch Movements." 5 of us came back after 2.5 weeks and 17 others remained for another four weeks. They returned June 24.

As UNC students have been meeting and investing in so many students in East Asia pray for genuine faith to grow in those who have indicated a decision. It was amazing to see God pursuing so many students.

Pray they would get connected to a long-term staff and keep learning about how their faith can influence all their life. Pray for a community to begin to exist among the national students. Many individually have a relationship but they really have never been connected to a body of believers. So pray for that to take shape for the first time. Pray also for God to use our efforts at UNC to grow the gospel in this country and encourage its proclamation to the ends of the earth.



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