## CRU at UNC

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## Spring Break

As I type this, it's 35 degrees outside! But somehow UNC students have already had their spring break. This year we sent students on two trips- one to NYC and one to the Middle East.

The New York trip is one we have done many times over the years (Josh and I have both gone in the past). We partner with the Cru



campus staff in the city and come alongside what they are doing there. This year we sent a team of 8 staff and students. They explored the city,

ate lots of good food, walked a ton and were able to do ministry at multiple campuses in Manhattan. Through those campus conversations, three students came to Christ! What a reminder that the harvest really is plentiful!

Meanwhile, 17 staff and students from Carolina headed overseas to experience the culture and people of the Middle East (a closed country there). They were able to meet locals, learn about the culture and find out more about the spiritual background of those that live there. Here is a bit about that experience in one student's words (Sarah, a senior): "Not

only were we able to have good conversations with people but we were able to have fun and enjoy spending time with each other! Getting to share the gospel and have spiritual conversations with people from all over the world reminded me of how big God is and that he is always working." What a joy to see students take the step of faith to bring the Gospel to new places!

## **Prayer Requests**

-Praise God for the many answered prayers for the **spring break** trips! Pray for continued fruit to come out of those conversations and relationships.

-We are in the process of accepting **student leaders** for next year. Pray God would raise up men and women who have a heart for Him and others. Pray specifically that more guys would apply, that always seems to be a struggle!

-Pray for our **men's** and women's retreats (April 8-10). The guys will be in the mountains, ladies at the beach. Josh and I are excited to both be going this year!