CRU at UNC

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Prayer requests

-Pray for the girls I disciple (Clara and Taryn pictured above). It's my favorite thing I do on campus. I disciple 4 juniors and 2 seniors. Pray they would grow in their walks with Jesus and for wisdom for me as I walk beside them.

-Pray for continued fruit from the **NYC trip.** Pray for students in the City that heard the Gospel. Pray for our students to continue taking steps of faith back at UNC...that they would take what they learned and experienced and keep growing.

THANK YOU! This is my 20th year on staff!! Year after year I'm humbled to be part of what God is doing here and I couldn't be here without your support!

Spring Break in the Big Apple

We pray students involved with us will take away a heart for sharing the Gospel. Many students encounter God in college but how do we articulate

having a relationship with Him- that can be hard! How did they come to know Christ? How has He worked in their life? What is their testimony and how can they communicate that to others? What is the crux of what we believe as Christians? These are some of the questions we talk through discipleship and in



student leader training throughout the year. But nothing is quite as impactful as having real-life experiences of having spiritual conversations.

Enter spring break in NYC! This year 17 students and staff from UNC went to the Big Apple to partner with the Cru ministry up there. (My kids' spring break didn't overlap so I couldn't go-maybe next year!) While there, students learned about new cultures, navigated a new city (and subway!) and got to go to campuses and have spiritual conversations with interested students. And sure enough, it was very impactful. Here are a few students' highlights:

- "Seeing Central Park and seeing a girl accept Jesus!" -Lily
- "Getting to have conversations with students and share my beliefs." -Carter
- -"Hearing students' stories from all over the world and being able to share the Gospel with students who had never heard before." -Ryan
- -"Little Italy in the snow and learning new evangelism tools." -Maddie Grace
- -"Times Square and having good but difficult conversations." -Sydney