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CAROLINA CONNECTION

CRU AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL



Have you ever heard this before?

The week before Thanksgiving I received an email from Ben, a junior I had never met. He found my info on our website and wanted to get together and talk. *"I was hoping you could help point me in the right direction towards starting over and achieving what God wants for me."*

We got together the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and we talked for about 2 hours getting to know each other and talking about where he was at spiritually. Through some other relationships with believers in his life he was convinced God was the answer, but had no idea where to start.

He had a lot of church experiences growing up. His grandfather was a minister so he went to church a lot growing up, but there seemed to be a big disconnect with his experience. I shared a lot of my story and how the idea of religion has had a huge influence on me... Religion meaning, if I obey, then God will love me. Contrasted with the gospel, because of Christ, God loves me therefore I want to obey. I told him a lot of my life began to change when I started reading the Bible not looking for things that I have to do to get to God, but reading it and finding the things God has done to get to me in Christ.

After looking at a few passages explaining what the Gospel really is I asked him, Have you ever heard this before? And he replied, "I've never heard it put that way." Ben prayed with me that day and trusted Christ for the first time. I am so grateful for this conversation!

We have met since and I connected him to a small group I'm leading. Pray for Ben over this month as he continues to interpret life with this relationship with Christ. Pray that this relationship with God would begin to control him in new ways and he'd experience a new freedom in the gospel of grace!

Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for our staff team to rest well over December.
- Pray for safe travel to KS. We will be there Dec 15-27.
- Pray for our financial support. We are trusting God through our End of the year ask for \$9000.
- Pray for 50 students to attend our Winter Conference: Encounter Dec 28-Jan 1 INFO: happycruyear.com
- Pray for our student leaders to initiate with God and rest in his love over the semester break.

MOVE UPDATE:

We did it. We live in Durham now! The move was a success. We are out of boxes, slowly adjusting, and miraculously nothing broke in transport. And Harrison loves running in the new space !!

Our new Address:

Josh and Erin Smith
204 Education Ave
Durham, NC 27713

Thank you for making our ministry possible. We are grateful for your love and prayers.

Pray for Four Senior Leaders



There are 4 senior guys I lead I'd like to ask you to pray for. They don't always dress up in character from *The Sandlot*, but they did on Halloween. Jordy, Clint, Mike and Nick. These guys each have a personal ministry on campus. Pray they would leave a spiritual legacy here at UNC (2 Tim 2:2) Pray they lean into God's Word as they make decisions regarding post-graduation. Pray they would be faithful in the small decisions and moments of the daily mundane. Pray they would walk with God for a lifetime and continue to grow in the gospel of grace.