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"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43) I've been reflecting a lot lately about God's character through His promises. Redemption is sure and his commitment to his glory cannot be thwarted. We've gotten to see facets of this as the UNC school year ends:

- -75 seniors will be sent from UNC with a vision to influence the world for Christ in their calling
- -45 UNC students are going on summer mission trips with CRU all over the world
- -8 seniors have applied for a 1-year mission with CRU or are joining staff
- -110 Leaders have been raised up to pour into younger student's lives next year

Nothing makes us more excited than seeing God changing students' lives. A few weeks ago we were reminded of the transformation God is doing through a note from a senior named Lucy. Four years ago Lucy was a freshman living on South campus when she got a knock on her door. It was a junior named Caitlin who invited her to a Bible study. She began going to the study and over the next few weeks heard about who God really was. She ended up placing her faith in Christ that year and has gone on to lead her own study the last few years. Over her time at UNC, we have loved getting to know Lucy and have seen her impact the campus. She happens to be Harrison's favorite babysitter, too! Here is a little of what she shared with us...

Thank you for being here at UNC and answering God's call to be here. You have no idea how much influence your ministry has had on me. Seeing your family and just being around you has meant so much to me. You have pointed me to Christ in new ways and helped me see what faith being lived out looks like in real life.

We want to share that with you and say thank you for being a part of Lucy's story. You have given us the privilege to be here. Lucy's story is a reminder that the college years are such a crucial time of life where God does big things! In just another week we will be in Charleston for a summer missions project (where we went last summer). 35 students will join us to grow in their faith through discipleship and Bible study and have platforms to share their faith in the community. We pray for these 35 students' lives to be changed powerfully, just like Lucy's.

We have some financial needs for our summer assignment in Charleston, SC. This summer we need \$7000 in one-time donations to be a part of the team. Would you consider a special gift to help provide for our needs for Charleston project? If you feel led to give, please make your check payable to <u>CRU</u> and use the enclosed envelope to respond. <u>Please reply by June 10</u> in order to apply your donation toward our summer expenses. As always, gifts are tax deductible. You can also give online at *give.cru.org/0549860*.

Thank you for your partnership with us in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. The Lord is paving a way through the wilderness and this would not be possible without you. We are so grateful for you!

In Christ,

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