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We are grateful for seeing God work in students' lives we have had the privilege to walk beside this year. Here are some stories.

God has shown me in a new way through my involvement with Cru that he is holding on to me, no matter what I do. He is the Author and Perfector of my faith. I have not chosen him, but he has chosen me; even my wish to respond to his offer in the first place has been given to me because of his grace. Learning about and experiencing God's grace in a whole new fashion this year has overwhelmed my heart and caused in me a new desire to love him back. —Daniel, junior (Germany)

I had a bunch of ideas of what to do in Bible study, certain topics I wanted to study, certain activities we could do to grow these freshmen guys in their faith, and I thought the rest would just fall into place. What God taught me most about my role was that first I needed to love these guys. The Lord showed me that without having a love for the people I was trying to serve, none of the other logistical ideas that I had would be possible or effective.

- Jordy, junior (Charlotte, NC)

Stepping into a leadership role this year, it would have been great if I was a great speaker, communicator, or theologian, but I am none of things. Instead, I had to give whatever small gifts I had and rely on God's power and grace to multiply the harvest. The result of my efforts is not always overwhelming, but it is authentic and saturated with God's provision instead of my own skill; praise God that I cannot out-give Him!

- Nick, junior (Wilmington, NC)

My responsibilities as a leader with Cornerstone were the perfect opportunity for God to make it abundantly clear where I fall short.

Those shortcomings forced me to depend on God in new and wonderful ways. I saw a ton of growth in my life because I was put in several situations where I had one option, to look to Him, and He was faithful. - Mike, junior (Austin, TX)

I have always struggled to be consistent in the Word. This year after challenging myself to remain in the word daily I now understand just how vital that food for the soul is to me. This year I decided to go on staff with Cru. For me that has been incredibly challenging because I am terrified of raising support. However, Christ has shown me in the past year that you have to take a step of faith before you can see his blessings and the bigger the step of faith the more room you give God to work. - John, senior (Tarboro, NC)

Thank you for being a part of these students' lives. We are more convinced than ever that the college campus is such a strategic and necessary platform to proclaim the gospel of grace found in Jesus. If we are going to reach the world, we must reach the campus. We prayerfully trust that God will grow and use their future to change our culture, this world and eternity forever.

For Erin and I with CRU, this spring is a milestone. 10 years ago we signed on with this ministry. It has been filled with great memories and much of our own life transformation. We both treasure Christ and believe our own need for the gospel more than ever. This would have never been possible without you investing in us, and asking God to move beside us. Our gratitude continues to grow for you and the Lord being at work in and through you!

The financial needs we continue to face as we walk this road God has us on are great. This summer we are in need to raise \$7000 for Charleston summer project and travel to Colorado for our annual staff conference in Ft. Collins this July.

Would you prayerfully consider giving a one-time gift to help address our summer assignment costs?

Another way you could help is to help address our monthly support needs. If you were in the position to begin or increase your giving monthly \$25, \$50, or \$100, that would be an incredible answer to prayer. We are in the process of raising \$1000/mo. in order to address monthly ministry expenses and hopefully increase our salary while keeping our staff account at a healthy place!

Please make all checks payable to <u>CRU</u>. If you feel lead to give in any way please use the enclosed envelope to reply or you can go to **give.cru.org/0549860** to give online. Please respond by May 31.

We love you and are grateful for God's provision in our lives through you!

Josh, Erin and Harrison