CRU at UNC

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Pray for the Smiths

-Pray for students that will come to UNC in **August**. We hope to connect with freshmen and also anticipate meeting new sophomores (since many of them were remote-learning last year). Pray God would begin preparing their hearts.

-Pray for **our staff team.** Next year we'll have 8 people on our team, 3 of whom are new. Pray for refreshment this summer and for our staff that will be raising support.

-This summer I'll be working on things to prepare for the Fall and will be leading a **summer Bible study.** We hope to host it at our house. Pray it would be a sweet time of community.

"What I've Learned in College"

One of the hardest things about college ministry is that every year we have to say goodbye to seniors. It never gets easier to pour into students and then have them graduate! But it is also one of the best things in a way. We get to see how God has worked in their lives over the span of 4 years. And we get to see them sent into the world, into a myriad of jobs, to be lights for Christ.

As we wrap up the school year, I asked some seniors to share what they have learned from their time at UNC being involved with Cru. Here they are in their own words:

"While in college I have grown in a deeper understanding of God's love for all people across the globe. He has a passion for reaching all people and we are His vessels for doing so." -Stephen

-"During this past semester, I watched what I thought was the perfect job opportunity slip through my fingers. I was crushed and wrestled with why God had allowed this to happen. However, 3 months later, I was offered an incredible position at a start-up company, which has been my dream ever since I started college. This experience has shown me just how important it is to rely on God and trust in His plans and not our own. I thought I knew what was best for me, but God clearly had a plan for my life that was so much better. God is always working all things together for our good, and I saw that this semester through the blessing of this new opportunity." -Justin

-"Throughout college, God has taught me about his unshakable presence in my life. Through long periods of feeling that He was distant, I know that he was always and will always be close by me and dwelling within me and those around me." -Anna

-"God has taught me that the college campus is just as much a mission field as an international country. Campus creates the perfect atmosphere for sharing the Gospel to a large portion of young adults." -Will