

CRU at UNC

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A Legacy



One of the things I love about campus ministry is seeing college women leaving a spiritual legacy. Four years ago, AnneLiya got involved with a Cru Bible study her freshman year. She was discipled by Grace, who I was mentoring at the time. Grace (pictured below on the left, AnneLiya far right) kept telling me about this faithful, servant hearted girl that would be a really great leader one day. She was right! Just like we pray for, I saw spiritual multiplication at work (2 Timothy 2:2). Grace met with AnneLiya weekly, helped her understand the Gospel and how to walk with God and then how to have a ministry of her own. When Grace graduated I began meeting with AnneLiya. She came to my Bible study too. And as a junior, she stepped up to become a Bible study leader of her own. AnneLiya graduated in May and is serving with a missions group this year in Honduras. A few weeks ago I was surprised with a letter from her and wanted to share a bit of it with you. She says, “The summer after my freshman year, I decided to go to the Bible study at your house. I think it was at the very first study and you said something I never forgot. You said that when we read the Bible, it’s not about looking only for how it applies to our own lives, it’s about looking first for who God is. Hearing that not only made me realize Cru was somewhere I wanted to stay and grow, but it changed how I read my Bible on my own.” Praise God for legacies like these!



Prayer requests

-Pray for the **incoming freshman class**. Pray this class would value growing spiritually at UNC. Pray many would find their home with Cru.

-Pray for our annual **leadership retreat** (August 10-13). Pray for students to leave excited and equipped to invest on campus.

-Pray for these **welcome week events**:

Aug 18: Survey tables and welcome picnic

Aug 19: Social on the Quad

Aug 21: first large group

Aug 28: Bible study kickoff

Smith Summer

Our family had a very full and fun summer. We kicked off summer break with a roadtrip to the Northeast. We spent two days each in Philly, NYC and Boston (Boston was everyone’s favorite). We saw the Statue of Liberty, did a walking tour, made it on the Today show and ate lots of great food. Around July 4 we headed to the beach for a few days with some of our KS family and loved that time too! Both kids participated in our neighborhood swim team again (Go Barracudas). A highlight is always the championship meet held on campus at UNC (pictured above left). I worked on growing my ministry team as I transition to full-time in August. Thank YOU for your generous giving and prayers during this time! Pray I would be fully-funded by Aug 5.