



A caring community passionate about  
connecting people to Jesus Christ

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*For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe.*  
(Ephesians 1:15-19)

I have witnessed this verse become a reality for a student I disciple named Thomas. He, in his own words, was an arrogant, self-centered freshman. Over the last two years, Thomas' life has been shaped and molded by grace in a significant way. He is now a rising junior at Carolina and taking on a leadership role with us. Here are Thomas' words on how God has worked in his life thru being involved with Cru.

*The Gospel has changed me in college. It has shown me the reasons for my struggles with sin, that I have been born into sin, and that though I now live in Christ, I am still in the flesh, and will thus deal with sin until I depart this earth. This has greatly strengthened my fight against lust, anxiety, pride and other temptations. The Gospel has given me a new purpose. When I came to college, I wanted to pursue the American dream. Now, because of the Gospel, the things I did want (prestige, wealth, security) no longer matter as much. What I want to do most in life is simply to be used by God, wherever he places me. The Gospel has given me a real, personal relationship with Christ that has been so wonderful in a new and deeper way for me. I believe it has shown me that the most wonderful thing in life is to know Christ.*

We want to share that with you and say thank you for being a part of this story. You have given us the privilege to be here and we could not do this without you! This one student's story (among so many others) is a sweet reminder that the college years are a significant time of life where God can move in unique ways! Nothing makes us more excited than seeing God transform a person's heart. We get to play a small part of that here on a college campus. As an organization we are trusting God to grow the gospel to the ends of the earth.

***This summer we get to lead a summer project and invest in 47 students and staff from all over the country. For 6 weeks (10 for students) we will help students grow in their own faith (through Bible study, training in evangelism and one on one discipleship) AND minister to the community of Charleston through partnering with churches there.***

We have some financial needs for our summer to Charleston. This summer we need \$6000 in one-time gifts to be a part of the team for 6 weeks. Would you consider a special gift to help provide for our summer expenses?

If you feel led to give, please make your check payable to CRU and use the enclosed envelope to respond. Please reply by June 15 in order to apply your donation toward our summer assignment. As always, gifts are tax-deductible. You can also give online at [give.cru.org/0549860](http://give.cru.org/0549860).

Thank you for your partnership with us in taking the gospel to deeper places in student's lives and to the ends of the earth, as well!

In Christ,

*Josh, Erin  
Harrison: Allie*

