

After many years of oppression, the people of El Salvador found themselves amidst a civil war with wealthy owners and dictators. Most families were thrown further into poverty and became fatherless as a result. It's been 20 years since the peace agreement, but vast societal separation is still real and numerous gangs essentially run the cities today.

This summer I have the immense privilege and responsibility of leading a six week mission trip to the city of San Salvador. We will be stepping onto campuses where many of the students have been personally effected by the tragic past. In fact, the current generation of *university students in El Salvador are sometimes referred to as the "fatherless generation."* Salvadorians have a concept of God from their Catholic roots but view Him as distant or not worth knowing. They desperately need an understanding of God's grace in Christ. Pray for open hearts to grasp this reality.

"WE MUST BE GLOBAL CHRISTIANS WITH A GLOBAL VISION BECAUSE OUR GOD IS A GLOBAL GOD." - JOHN STOTT

Our team will be stepping into a very unique situation. The Cru ministry in El Salvador was once thriving and multiplying. Now, because of the civil war, people are weary and unable to trust, making it difficult to build a movement. Our desire is to help encourage, equip, and enable the Salvadorian students to reach their own circle of influence with the gospel because ministry between Salvadorians is much more effective. Pray that we would be true **servant-learners of the culture and people this summer**. Thank you for reading and praying for us as we prepare for the summer!

Blessed to be partnering with you,

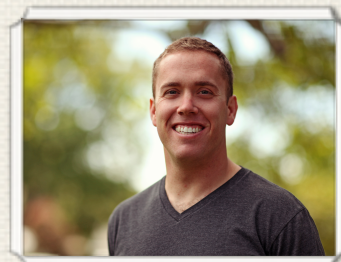


Left: Natalie, my co-leader this summer, on the right

Right: students in El Salvador



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I daily spend myself for God's kingdom by winning students to Christ, building them in their faith, and sending them as kingdom laborers.

"PRAYER IS THE GREATER WORK."

- Sensitivity to God's leading and wisdom as we plan
 - Team unity and cohesion as we do cross-culture missions
 - Holy Spirit to go before us and lead us to the right students
 - Pray for my personal health and strength during the trip
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Giving every student the opportunity to hear the *good news* of Jesus Christ.