

May 2017 Ministry Update

Dear Partner,

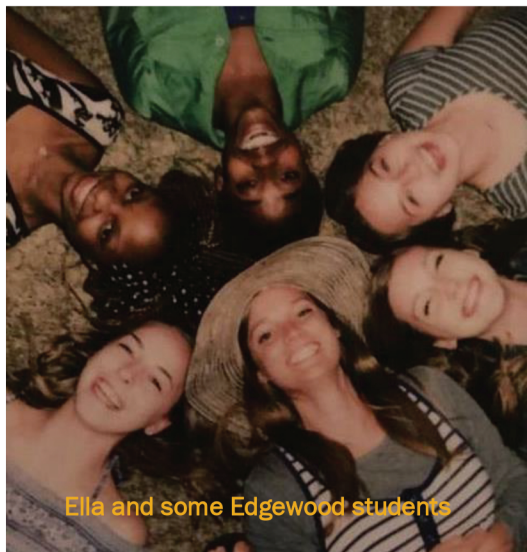
We always desire to grow our current ministries while stepping out to launch new locations.

A year ago, our efforts at Edgewood College were met with resistance. Two of our very capable staff were praying and looking for ways to reach out on this small private campus just a couple miles from the UW campus. But our attempts to establish a gospel-centered Cru movement were dashed when we were told by the administration that we were not welcome on Edgewood College unless we were invited in by students.



While prayer for Edgewood continued, we had to move on. The Lord had a plan for Edgewood College. Somehow 4 Edgewood freshmen ended up at our Cru Winter Conference last December. They approached us on the last night of the conference, eager about the possibility of having a Cru movement on their campus.

Enter Ella and Everett Schroeder. Ella had worked with us on campus part time after she graduated from UW-Madison two years ago, and Everett was a volunteer. They married, joined our full-time staff, and reported in January, just as the Lord was teeing things up at Edgewood. Within a few weeks, the Schroeders had 8 Edgewood students meeting in a weekly Bible study and most meeting for personal discipleship. Over Spring Break, 7 journeyed with them for a week-long evangelistic training conference in Florida!



Ella and some Edgewood students

Some Edgewood College administrators were still hesitant to have Cru on campus, but this time things turned out differently. An Edgewood faculty member stepped up to be an advisor. Edgewood campus students and officials were quite impressed at how well the Cru students were being cared for. They were amazed that many people and a church generously gave thousands of dollars to help scholarship their Spring Break travel expenses. The Edgewood students presented a student constitution and now it seems that they will become a recognized student organization this week. We can't wait to see how this young, but motivated group of students will be used by God to reach out to many others in the future. Praise the Lord!

We are thrilled about the future of Edgewood, in no small part because of what has already happened. Here are three examples:

Segametsi is an international student who “really want[s] to introduce studying the bible to others home in Botswana and impact more lives for Christ.”

Olivia gained confidence in talking about God and wants to talk to her nonbelieving friends.



José has a new understanding of the gospel which is transforming his life. During the Spring Break trip he saw 3 people pray to receive Christ! He says his eyes are opened to the desperate need of believers to spread the good news of Jesus. Soon he'll join the North Myrtle Beach Summer Mission which emphasizes evangelism and developing student leaders for campus ministry.

Please keep Edgewood College in your prayers!

Today's students need to hear the Good News of Jesus, grow in their faith, and be sent out into a needy world full of people who desperately need to be transformed by the Gospel.

We and our staff team appreciate you and can't thank you enough for making our work possible.

Scott & Bonnie Roe



FACULTY COMMONS
A Cru Ministry

This spring, Cru's Faculty Commons hosted a two-day *Common Call* Conference to encourage and equip professors and staff to better live out their faith and take advantage of the strategic platform they have on campus.

Pictured above, Dr. Walter Bradley shares at a UW Christian faculty luncheon about some hits and misses as he sought to serve in the academy over several decades.



KINGDOM CALLED

We are excited about the incredible opportunity to send students across the globe to proclaim the gospel.

In April, students and staff from across our region gathered for Kingdom Called to prepare for international summer mission trips and year-long ministry with Cru.

Pray for the many from Madison and Whitewater soon traveling to U.S. cities and countries to proclaim Christ.