

September 2024 Southern Wisconsin Cru Ministry Update

Dear Friends of Cru,

This is typically the most exciting and tiring part of the year. We are weeks into reaching out and relaunching movements on five campuses in Southern Wisconsin, and we are thrilled at what the Lord has done.

Since last Spring we've been praying that this freshman class would be the most spiritually open ever. We've wanted to get in the paths of students to give them opportunities over and over again to hear the Good News. We hosted tons of events from a root beer house party to Spike ball and Volleyball tournaments, to Italian Soda and survey tables to bonfires.

We've passed out thousands of pom poms with links to online spiritual interest surveys, chalked about our meetings on sidewalks across campus, conversed with people on social media, and texted myriads of phones to let people know we are on campus and interested in giving them a good place to consider faith. It's been our ambition to find ways to pull up a chair with students, find out about their spiritual perspectives, and offer them the opportunity to consider the person of Christ.

Many times, we can't measure the results of what we do. And other times we are blown away by the results. At Madison, 3000 students filled out our spiritual interest survey, a record 93 teams played in our volleyball tournament, and 337 people attended our first Badger Cru weekly meeting.

At Whitewater, 1000 people filled out surveys, 15 teams played volleyball, and a record 257 people came out to the first meeting! In its third year. We've also seen growth at Beloit College with 34 people participating in their gathering.

Through large group meetings like these, small group Bible studies, and multitudes of personal conversations, the Gospel has been taught repeatedly on campus.

Celebrate with us that people are saying "Yes" to Jesus. In just the first few weeks of school, over 50 students and 1 faculty member have told us that after hearing the gospel they put their trust in Christ!

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support!

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Southern Wisconsin Cru Team Leaders

Welcoming Graduates to our Staff Team

We regularly ask the Lord for more laborers in the form of students, volunteers, faculty and Cru staff.

This is especially important as great servant leaders are continually transitioning from here.

This year the Lord added four new full-time interns (Ethan, KZ, Petra, and Jadon, pictured below) to our team, to join to our two returning interns (Caityln and Luke). Oh, how the Lord is using them! Three of these interns are living in Whitewater at a time when that movement is really growing.



As interns can only intern for 1 or 2 years, we were also thrilled that when our two second-year interns from last year were faced with the question of "what's next?" they were able to look back at their tremendous experience in campus ministry and decided to attend New Staff training this summer and begin as Full-Time Cru Campus Staff. Lex will bless the Central Wisconsin team in Steven's Point and Genesis got assigned to serve back with us on our Southern Wisconsin Team!

We invite you to pray

- Pray for Christian students and faculty as they step out in faith to be used on campus.
- Pray for the many small group Bible studies on sports teams, the marching band, in dorms, and across campus.
- Pray for God to touch people's lives at our Fall Getaway October 11-13. Pray more students would decide to join the 200 people who have already signed up.
- Pray our movements are greenhouses that develop our students into lifelong laborers.

