

June 2025 Southern Wisconsin Cru Ministry Update

Dear Friends of Cru,

It's the time of graduations and new beginnings. In campus ministry, this bittersweet time of saying goodbye to lots of dear people gives us hope as we anticipate the Lord using myriads of investments in their lives to overflow in blessings to others.

Some graduates are continuing on in education, some are looking for jobs, while others have already accepted offers. We are thrilled to have these blossoming men and women transplanted into various neighborhoods and career fields, especially as they are rooted with ambitions to be used by Christ wherever they go.

What some find amazing is the stream of those finishing at secular universities who immediately enter missions. Adam and Antone are two of those. A few weeks before finals, they stepped on stage to express their heart to forgo desirable jobs in the engineering field in order to travel overseas to represent Jesus in a less-tended field.

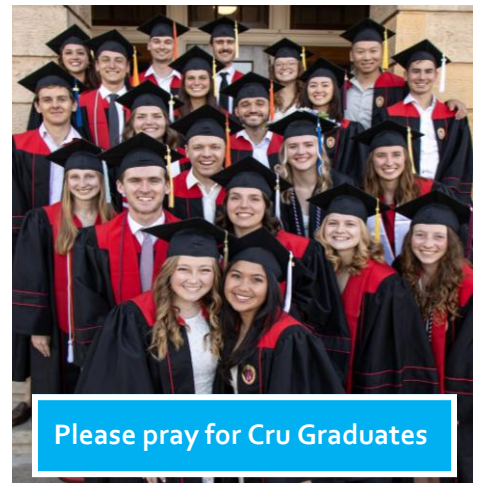
This is what they said:

We are both seniors here at UW, about to graduate with degrees in Engineering, and we have both decided to go. Lord willing, we will be spending the next year in Thailand spreading the Gospel.

First, a little bit about how we made this decision. While it is hard to pinpoint an exact date, as the Lord has been increasing our hearts for the last all throughout college, it became real this fall. While at Pause, a conference designed to help upperclassmen evaluate their future, we learned the value in surrendering our rights to God. We also spent time thinking about eternity and how our lives here on earth can affect it. Although no decision was made there, we committed to doing the work with God. We committed to asking the scary questions of "how does my life best fit into God's will?" and praying the scary prayers of "God, may we be men who take risks for you" and "may serving you be the most important part of our lives."

Throughout the rest of the fall and into the spring semester, we spent hours in prayer and had many conversations with loved ones, trying to discern what to do after graduation. In the end, we counted the costs, which are real.

We both turned down engineering jobs, have had difficult conversations with family, and will have to say goodbye to all of our friends and family for a whole year. Even in light of these costs, we learned that our "why" is much greater. None of these compare to the joy and love that is found in Christ. And we want to share that.



Please pray for Cru Graduates



Justin and Abby, UW-Whitewater graduates planning to serve on our Southern Wisconsin Cru Team next fall.

So why Thailand? College campuses are among the most strategic and open environments to share the gospel. Thailand is a predominantly Buddhist country, and many students have never heard the name of Jesus, let alone the full story of His love and grace. Often bringing the gospel to Thailand involves sharing with students for the very first time. Along with the students' spiritual needs, the team there now has a need for more male leaders. One of the campuses we will be serving on is an engineering campus, which has a predominantly male student body. An engineering campus in Thailand could provide some overlap in the lives of the Thai students.



Many students are in a season of life where they're asking big questions about identity, purpose and truth. The same thing happens here in the states where students want to figure out what they want the rest of their lives to look like. They're shaping their worldview and making decisions that will influence the rest of their lives. That means the seeds of the gospel planted now can have an incredible lifelong impact.

Thai culture deeply values relationships and hospitality. When you invest in authentic friendships, there's real openness to spiritual conversations. Thai students are curious, kind and often eager to practice their English, so even casual conversations can become divine opportunities. Since campuses bring students together from across the country, reaching one or two universities can have a ripple effect across Thailand.

In years past, being a badger meant we saw the lost all around the world and went to them. We understood the call and accepted it. We put aside all our own worldly goals for a summer, a year or a long while and accepted God's call to the Sent Christian life. It's been said before, WE'RE BADGERS and WE GO! Let's bring that back!

As Adam, Antone, and others follow the Lord to godly endeavors, we celebrate your crucial role. Thank you for co-laboring with the Lord and investing in eternity which is helping us reach out to every freshman to send every senior for Christ.

Scott Roe

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Southern Wisconsin Cru

Pray for students and staff scattered on summer missions.

Pray for high school graduates who will attend universities across the nation in the fall. Pray for open hearts to respond to the gospel with motivation to connect to a good Bible-centered Christian community.



Megan Hayes joyfully shared about her experience in Cru in her speech at the UW-Whitewater commencement. You can read the news story @ tinyurl.com/meg-hayes