

April 2025 Southern Wisconsin Cru Ministry Update

Dear Friends of Cru,

Unbelievable. That word keeps coming up in reference to what we saw happen during our Florida Spring Break Mission Trip.

- **101** of us traveled to Panama City Beach, Florida.
- We spent about **3** hours per day inviting people to talk about faith & God.
- We initiated conversations with **1,520** people.
- **985** of those people engaged in a spiritual conversation.
- **564** of those people heard the gospel.
- **161** of those people prayed to accept Christ's forgiveness.

Those numbers are so **unbelievable** that I'm reluctant to share them.

On most days, we gather following the afternoon conversations on the beach to share what we are learning and how God is working. I was leading this time after a couple days on the beach in awe of story after story of people responding to the gospel. I commented how if we were only to see those results over the whole week, it would be an **incredible** trip.

Yet, the **phenomenal** conversations continued.

We often use the **Knowing God Personally** booklet to more easily share the gospel as it is organized with verses and short explanations. Walking down the beach each afternoon and seeing so many people holding that booklet and engaging in conversations about Jesus with high school and college students, couples, and kids with their parents was sweet.

Many in this generation have limited religious exposure and understanding, and it seems like there is a **fantastic** willingness to consider Jesus.

Comparing the present willingness of people to engage in spiritual conversation and show a desire to accept Jesus to previous years is **remarkable**. In the past, it was at times impressive to hear one out of ten respond to the gospel. But the last couple years there seems to be a greater openness. We're still processing what to think of one out of 3.5 people hearing the gospel saying "yes" to Jesus.

As our staff team has discussed this trend, we don't think we've done anything substantially different. Our world is changing, culture is changing, and it **seems like God is doing something** good that only He can do.

This makes the **unbelievable more believable**.



Leighton, Chase & Micah, students from Michigan, prayed to receive Christ

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

~Ephesians 3:20-21



Thank you for helping make this momentous trip possible. Who knows how God may use the prayers of his people to work the unimaginable in his rescue plan?

One of the main reasons we love this Spring Break trip is that it gives many students who care about sharing their faith but may have never opened their mouths practical training and lots of experiences. Pray that participants, whether new or veteran to evangelism, continue reaching out with fresh passion and know-how to be ambassadors in their daily lives.

Pray also for God to raise up servants for his kingdom from this trip. Missions trips are often used by God to guide people into further service. What Jesus said is still true: The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. (Luke 10:2)

Along that line, we'd love to see those we talked to become fruitful for Christ back in their hometowns. We've seen it happen in the past. In fact, two of the ministry leaders we partnered with in Panama City Beach came to Christ after people shared the gospel with them on the beach years ago.

Yours for reaching the campus
to reach the world for Christ,

Scott Roe Benenton

Team Leaders

Southern Wisconsin Cru

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7:00PM PROGRAM

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