



Turning Lost Students Into Christ-Centered Laborers

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A few weeks ago, 44 Cru students and staff boarded a bus bound to Panama City Beach, FL for Big Break, Cru's annual Spring Break conference. Big Break typically consists of hundreds of students from across the nation gathered for worship, training, and sharing their faith. This year, however, was a little different. Madison's spring break was later than other college campuses, so we opted to put on our own conference.

Rees, a 20-year-old beef cattle farmer, is one of the students from Madison who came on the trip. Rees appeared on the Madison campus in January for a three-month agriculture short course. He had attended our weekly meeting and was convinced by other students to sign up for the Big Break.

Monday morning, beginning the conference week, was the first time Rees ever received formal training on how to share his faith. He immediately put that training into practice that afternoon. Shortly after arriving on the beach, Rees and Dean (one of the Cru staff men) approached two guys and engaged them in conversation. The guys agreed to take a short spiritual survey. After the survey they expressed interest in hearing more about how they could know God personally. Rees had the opportunity to share with them how they could know God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

As the conversation continued, it was obvious that God was working in the heart of Paxton and his friend. Both of them made a decision that afternoon to place their faith in Christ! Paxton and his friend were not the only ones to make life-changing decisions that week. As a group, we had over 300 spiritual conversations and 43 individuals indicated decisions to accept Christ as their Savior!

As for Rees, that week completely changed his life as well. It ignited his passion for God and his desire to tell others about our Savior, and it has changed the direction of his future. Rees has applied and been accepted at UW - Platteville, one of the campuses in the Greater Madison Area. The Cru movement in Platteville currently consists of about 15 students. One student, like Rees, can make a huge difference on that campus! we are excited to see what the Lord does in Rees' life and at the UW-Platteville next year!

Thanks so much for your prayers and support! We appreciate your partnership in impacting students for Christ!



Dean & Rees