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Reaching **COLLEGE STUDENTS** with Jeff and Karen

Fall Semester has begun! Please pray for the Freshmen coming in who are searching for stability and community. Will they find it among God's people or somewhere else?

Love,

Jeff + Karen



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LIFE AFTER THE PULSE

"Keep me and my family in prayer. I was a victim in pulse shooting."

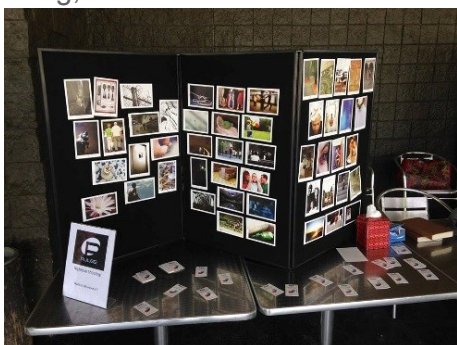
This text came in one morning from Luis, one of the over 90 Full Sail students who registered to go to our [Captain America movie outreach](#) a few weeks prior, which had sparked great conversations/friendships. I had no idea what doors the event was going to open in meeting deep needs of Orlando students.

Luis identified himself as a veteran and a film major who wanted to meet Christian students on campus. When asked who would win in the movie, he said "I already won!" because of the opportunity to be part of the event. A few weeks later, we were saddened to hear that he had been hurt...but really glad he reached out to us.

Luis attended Latin Night at The Pulse night club on June 12th when the devastating terrorist attack occurred. He was trampled by others while trying to escape, suffering severe injuries to his leg, back and neck.



Like Luis, this attack left a lot of Orlando students very lost and confused. To meet this new need, pastors helped set up [discussion tables on campus](#) where we could pray for people, help them process and meet any needs that were surfaced. We texted everyone who had attended a Cru event, and many have engaged! When Luis responded with the text above, I got to chat and pray with him and he is excited to have us be his "family away from home." Through him, we can bless many others affected by this tragedy. As violence rears up all over the world, we will answer with the love of Jesus ([Romans 12:21](#))!



YOUTH HEART LANGUAGE

Just weeks ago, I met Pastor Mark from Longview, TX who is interested in launching Cru at Kilgore College. He has already been running a [comic book club](#) there, seeing how speaking the heart language of youth opens amazing doors to minister to people who wouldn't set foot in a church.

Mark is spending his vacation here in Orlando with us, learning about the ministry of Cru. He got to have dinner with Steve and Judy Douglass (he is the President of Cru and she is Global Director of Women's Resources). He got to tour the JESUS Film and learn of our [Anime](#) and [cartoon](#) projects. He shared the gospel with [Cru at Full Sail](#), giving out our [manga gospel comic](#) and inviting students to our Ben Hur outreach. I even got to show him [Legacy](#), a comic I've written that has Bible studies tied to each adventure.

Mark also brought along 2 students from UT Tyler who learned to share their faith and want to launch Cru at their school now. Pray for Mark, Collin & Hailie!



PRAISES

- * Launching Cru at 10 new campuses!
- * Many churches collaborating like never before
- * Grant family is thriving with homeschooling :)

REQUESTS

- * Various health concerns for family members
- * Supernatural gifts of discernment and organization
- * Strengthening our bonds with local community

John 17:21

I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one... so that the world will believe you sent me.

F CORNER A M I L Y

Let the games begin! Homeschool got out of the starting blocks with a unit study about the Olympics. It's amazing how much geography, history, and science you can learn in ways that are fun and apply to real life. Not to mention how easy it is to sneak in math when you invent word problems revolving around interesting events on the TV ;) I'm probably enjoying this even more than the kids are, but I *do* know that there are challenges that come with homeschooling. The schedule, for example—so please keep us in your prayers whenever you think of it.

This has been one of the hottest months we've seen, which is saying a lot for Florida. We're really grateful to cool off in a community pool in the neighborhood where Karen's mom lives. It has been a bonding time for our family and has opened up opportunities to make friends and even minister to neighbors! Both children have grown so much stronger as swimmers, but Katherine was the *most* surprising. She went from almost afraid of the water to as natural as a fish in one week! A sweet friend has been giving them some swim lessons as well, and it won't be long before they can outswim their parents :).

It's honestly a little hard to ask for more prayers about health concerns, since we seem to have had so many. Arthur (who has issues with flat feet, toe-walking, and pain in his feet/legs) needs to begin physical therapy. The orthopedic doctor said this is something he will likely need on-and-off throughout his growing years. We're not thrilled to drive 30 min twice a week, but God gives each family strength for their own challenges. In other news, I (Karen) am still dealing with plantar fasciitis and have had terrible headaches and other random pain for over a month. We are seeing a new doctor in a few weeks and are praying for answers (and healing ;). Finally, my mom had a melanoma removed from her leg about a week ago. We know that none of this is outside God's control, and we know there are people who have it a lot worse. We just want to be honest about feeling a bit overwhelmed and ask you to pray for our hearts as well as our bodies :)



WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

I (Jeff) have been amazed by how many examples I've seen lately of churches working together! As someone who has tried to partner with many, many different churches, this hasn't always been true. In the past, I've seen self-focus or fear keep the body of Christ apart instead of living according to Jesus' model or his prayer for us. In [John 17:20-21](#), Jesus specifically prays for we believers who come after His time on earth. He asks "that they will **all be one**, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us *so that* the world will believe you sent me."

I heard Francis Chan give a [great talk](#) on this once, using the illustration of a trying to stand out as a single Lego (building block). "Look at me! I'm such a great piece!" Instead, he says, we should desire to be built together into the temple where the fire comes down ([2 Chron 7:1-4](#); [Eph 2:20](#)).

As US culture turns away from God, I am actually seeing more examples of God's people uniting! Here in Orlando, there is a fantastic movement called [Collaborate](#) that is bringing church and ministry leaders from different denominations together to catalyze an effort to fill the city with the love of Jesus through a process they call "[Prayer, Care and Share](#)." Please pray for this unity to grow all over the world so the fire will fill His temple (which is **us**—[Acts 2:1-4](#))!

