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Reaching **COLLEGE STUDENTS** with Jeff and Karen

It's been a busy summer already, but we're just getting warmed up! Please pray for our students all around the world and check out how God is growing us and them toward Him!



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Love,
Jeff + Karen

REACHING OUR WORLD

"One of the teens saw three people indicate faith in Christ when we shared the gospel in a park. Now she is talking about being a missionary."

This year 2,911 students are traveling, taking the love and hope of Jesus to the world on over 200 mission trips hosted by Cru. While the stories for this year won't come rolling in until they get back, here's what happened at just one of our locations last year:



PRAISES

- * Almost 3,000 students on summer missions!
- * God kept Jeff safe & healthy for all his travels, and there were many enjoyable visits :)
- * More opportunities to reach the hard-to-reach places
- * God is giving us direction for Katherine's health



Harriet went. You can too!

Harriet's (below) was part of the group here at the third of three schools they visited way up in the mountains of Nicaragua near the border with Honduras. Their team was divided into 3 segments: drama, games, and songs & crafts.

They saw extreme poverty, but also witnessed the love and determination of people to overcome the odds. Many people came to Christ DAILY in schools, hospitals and even the plane ride home (a professional soccer player who sat next to Harriet)! Of the more than 400 people they shared the gospel with, almost half of them accepted Jesus right on the spot!

Please pray for the seeds that were planted to grow and for our students around the world as they plant, water and harvest what the Lord is doing among those He loved enough to die for! And consider joining us next year :)

REACHING OUR HOME

Our thousands of students on mission trips around the world are such evidence of how God is on the move without boundaries of age or geography, but 95% of those involved in Cru don't go away with us on Summer Missions. We want to encourage the rest to build deep roots with their local churches back home. Many who came to Christ in college don't have a Christian family or community in their hometown, so we are trying to help them stay connected and growing while also showing them how to find a church to run with them for a lifetime! Our best means of doing both is a program called Summer Connect.

Summer Connect is a free program people can participate in as individuals or (even better) in groups. My absolute favorite is when a local church hosts such a group right in their building and joins in with the young adults in order to build relationships.

Each week of the summer, we're sending important steps for personal growth and challenges for ministry in the form of videos, emails, social media and other resources. Participating churches appear as pins in the US map for students to find and attend, where they can watch and discuss the videos together!

This latest video emphasizes the importance for students to be more than mere attendees in their local church. Check it out and share it with those you know, and pray for these students!



REQUESTS

- * All of us to adjust to Katherine's new dairy-free lifestyle
- * Building our team
- * Preparing to prayer walk EVERY campus!
- * Training others in outreach and evangelism

JEREMIAH 23:24

Can anyone hide from me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" says the Lord.

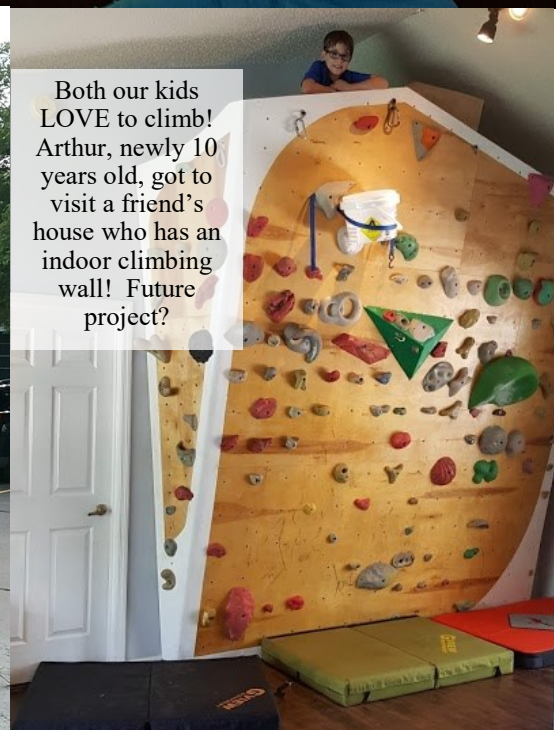


Both kids enjoyed VBS at Grammy's church this month. "Shipwrecked" was a great program that very clearly shared the gospel and got us all hooked on some uplifting new songs!



Jeff flew up to Ann Arbor, MI with a fellow missionary to help him pack up his old house and drive back to Orlando, where they will continue to bolster the ministry at Cru headquarters.

Katherine had a blast exploring a local park with friends.



Both our kids LOVE to climb! Arthur, newly 10 years old, got to visit a friend's house who has an indoor climbing wall! Future project?

WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

All believers are called to share the gospel, it's not just a job for missionaries and pastors. Sharing the gospel can be done by inviting people to church ([John 4:28-30](#)), starting conversations with strangers ([Acts 8:26-40](#)) or getting into the lives of friends and family who don't know Jesus and bringing His love and hope with you in a kind and thoughtful way ([John 1:45](#)).

We've been trying to stay "in shape" walking with the Lord in all 3 ways of sharing, and that third one has been especially interesting lately. We've been pushing ourselves to spend time with folks beyond our church family and Cru friends. We chose a common interest in board games and quickly found a vibrant community in a local shop. Our goal was to simply build authentic friendships with people while also keeping a strong relationship with the Lord. When God is on the throne of your life, He promises to provide the right words ([Luke 12:11-12](#)) and the actions ([Acts 16:6](#)). We've learned a lot about ministering in this culture (like [this article](#)) and have more to share next month! But the most important thing we do is pray—in the car on the way there, while in the store, and on the way home. We pray for our new friends by name every time the Lord brings them to mind.

What do you like to do? Does that activity have a local community you could join?



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