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Reaching **COLLEGE STUDENTS** with Jeff and Karen

Do you sometimes feel like we're losing this war? Do you look around at the darkness and wonder where God is in all this? We do as well sometimes... but He keeps showing us! Read on!



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Love,
Jeff + Karen

NEW GOSPEL MOVEMENTS

"THAT'S ME!" yelled Emily, throwing her hands up excitedly. That was her response when Marissa and Rachel approached her saying, "We are looking for students who are passionate about their faith and want other students to know God and grow. Do you know anyone like that?"

Marissa and Rachel laughed and sat down at the table where Emily had been reading a textbook. It was just her third day at sunny El Camino College in California. "I want to see Christians on campus sharing the gospel and on fire for Jesus," Emily said, explaining her vision. As Marissa and Rachel presented the Great Commission and the vision of Cru with her, Emily responded: "That's exactly what I'm about!"

Emily is one of 500,000 students on 50 college campuses around Los Angeles. I (Jeff)



Student Emily learning how to reach her campus for Jesus

PRAISES

- * Gospel infiltrating the media
- * Heroic effort to bless freshmen across the nation
- * Karen's ministry of encouragement is growing
- * Growing pockets of unity in God's Church family

Los Angeles Expedition



launch gospel movements at 15 new campuses (including El Camino College, Pasadena City College, Glendale Community College, Cal State LA, LA City College, East LA College, Santa Monica College, and West LA College).

Please pray for me as I help the team engage churches who can help us meet and equip these powerful students. Pray for logistics and for financial provision. Also, [click here](#) to see more photos from Expedition LA and meet some of our new student leaders!

SENDING INFLUENCERS

Many of the students I work with graduate to head into careers in entertainment. Just as many students slide in their faith when they get to college, many more can slide when they enter into a culture that is very intense and often hostile toward God. It's important to have those who love Jesus and are living on mission with Him to help "unpack your bags" when you enter into a new community of any kind, but especially Hollywood.

This is why I am so blessed to have met Karen Covell of the Hollywood Prayer Network.

A former Cru missionary herself, Karen has been my guide in identifying and building relationships with God's agents here in "Tinseltown." God has not forgotten those who influence the media, and there are several thriving communities of believers who work in TV and the big screen. I've been able to connect with our college graduates out here as well, and many of them are hungry to plug in with believers who understand the industry and how to walk with Jesus and be a light for Him at the same time. Please join us in praying for Hollywood, these graduates, and the students whose bags they will some day help unpack as well.



REQUESTS

- * Fall Retreats all over the US to see gospel momentum, new believers, and strong community
- * Cru on 15 potential new LA campuses
- * Our kids to keep owning their faith and education
- * For us to grow in faith and all that God has for us

Psalm 21:1

The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; he guides it wherever he pleases.





Katherine may have a future in fashion design



Arthur is designing another board game

WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

There's a test you can take that helps you identify what acts of worship and devotion resonate with your heart the most. We're not all built the same, and what helps one person commune with the Father doesn't always work for others. My (Jeff's) two favorite ways are A: to be saturated in the beauty of His creation (see [this video](#) for a taste of that) and B: to discover new facets of God and the Bible. I just LOVE it when some passage comes to life in a way I never saw it before, or I see God move in someone's life in a manner totally different from how He interacts with me.

CS Lewis said that certain people bring out certain parts of you that are dormant when they're not around (when my friend Leo died, I felt like the Leo part of me did as well). I think our lives can draw out different aspects of God's personality as well. I get to see God move more clearly in my wife's life than anywhere else on earth. What an amazing front-row seat!

I've also been watching God rapidly transform a new friend named Daniel from someone who was running hard from his Father to someone with a level of surrender and dependence I have never borne witness to before. When I first met Daniel, he had literally woken up in a parking lot a week earlier. Like the prodigal son who "came to his senses," Daniel figuratively woke up as well. Since then, God has taken him on a whirlwind tour up and down the East Coast, blessing people and giving EVERYTHING he has away (down to a single pair of clothes and no shoes). God has torn down His old self and is rebuilding something else. He's headed to Israel next week, and we're eagerly anticipating what God will do next. Daniel's life is teaching me about surrender.



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