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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8



CALEB & LAURA COOK

What is the mission of God?

How does God want to use us in Cru in his mission? What does it mean to stay relevant? And how can we continue to be learners as the demographics of the college campus continue to change, which impacts the opportunities we have to cross cultural boundaries with the message of Jesus Christ? As part of my role (Caleb), I get to help ask and answer questions like these by leading and coaching two groups of new staff through an online course called Intro to Mission.



Through the Intro to Mission class, Cru develops their staff with the biblical and theological resources they need to bring the gospel to every student and faculty member on the college campus. Since the beginning of September, I have been coaching this class for two groups which total to thirteen new staff members.

In fifteen weeks and through thirteen different lessons, we explore God's mission from four perspectives. First, we look at what Scripture says about the mission of God. Second, we trace the global history of Christian mission from the first century to the twenty-first century. Third, we examine culture and how we can more effectively communicate the gospel cross-culturally. Finally, we explore how Cru fits into the global story of missions and how we, as Cru missionaries, can participate in God's mission.

Around the world, God is working to give every person the opportunity to hear and respond to his offer of reconciliation in Jesus Christ. He is creating a community of redeemed people from every tribe, tongue, and nation. Laura and I are always humbled and amazed that God allows us to play a role in his mission and purpose.

We are trusting that God will use the experience of this class to help our staff cross cultures to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to every people group both locally and globally. Laura and I believe that through these fifteen new staff we, and by extension you, are a very real part of reaching people everywhere for Christ. Thank you for your partnership in ministry with us.

In Christ,

Caleb + Laura

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Texas and the Hurricane Harvey Relief. Praise God with us for the Destino team of staff and students who went to help serve in the relief effort.

Praise God! Abigail is almost five months old and growing so fast! We love getting to know her personality more and more every day and watching James grow into a loving and caring big brother.

Please pray for the 13 new staff taking the Intro to Missions. Please also pray for Caleb as he coaches them.



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