

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:5



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“The biggest thing that keeps me from crossing cultures is not knowing how to do that well or how to do that appropriately.”

Recently, a Cru staff person confided this to me (Caleb). People in the campus ministry want to be empowered with the training, resources, and skills to cross cultures with the gospel in their ministry context.

This is why I am so excited about the *Engaging Culture Training*. The *Engaging Culture Training* is a training experience that is designed to help campus ministry teams gain cross-cultural ministry tools and skills to integrate in their local setting. Because the training takes place near a team’s ministry context, the training is set up to help teams make immediate applications to their ministry.

Caleb was a part of designing the *Engaging Culture Training*, and during the last week of February, he was with his national team of Cross Cultural Training Coordinators (pictured above) helping prepare the final details for the training. Already, campus ministry teams are signing up for trainings to be hosted as early as the fall. Each training will be led by two people from the Cross Cultural Training Coordinator team who will travel to local campus ministry team.

One reason staff are so motivated to grow in their ability to relate cross-culturally is because they believe God has called Cru to be a part of giving every person the opportunity to hear and respond to his offer of love and forgiveness. We know this calling will require us to cross cultures in order to reach the campus with the gospel.

Please pray with us that God uses the *Engaging Culture Training* to help Cru staff grow in their ability to cross cultures with the gospel in order to be faithful to the mission God has called us to of seeing people from every culture throughout the world come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Caleb + Laura

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for protection and peace for college students and campus ministry staff, as well as those who are hard at work in care and prevention, as the COVID-19 virus spreads. Most universities across the Midwest (including the University of Minnesota) have suspended in-person classes and shifted them online for the remainder of the Spring semester.

Please also pray for the campus ministry and the effect this will have on ministry teams. Across the country, teams are taking precautions, making decisions about caring for others and one another, as well as making decisions and taking practical steps related to ministry activities.

