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Sixty-seven people were equipped and sent out all over the world to connect people to Christ! In each of these women and men, God is at work mobilizing leaders to share the good news about Jesus and launch spiritual movements so that others have an opportunity to hear about Jesus as well.

For months, we have been a part of planning and leading XTrack, Cru's annual cross-cultural training for staff preparing to serve internationally. Because of the pandemic, we hosted the training in a virtual format from June 11th to July 16th. However, many of the participants facilitated guided "PODS" in order to attend XTrack in community with others. One of these PODS was in Fort Collins, CO (photo above). We share about Fort Collins because God did some amazing things in the life of a Colorado State University student named \*Josh.

Early in the training, while playing volleyball at the park, Josh approached the Fort Collins group. He was clearly having a tough day and he shared about his situation to the group. After listening to him, the group invited him to hang out again a different evening. The second time they were together, Josh asked them about why they were in Fort Collins. One after the other, the XTrack participants shared how God had transformed their lives and how they were now preparing to go around the world to share Jesus with others. Josh left that time amazed by their stories. On the second to last night of XTrack, while driving back from another evening hanging out together, Josh began asking more questions about Jesus and how a person can have a relationship with God. Sensing God at work, they pulled the car over to talk more. There in the car, shortly after 1:00 a.m., Josh prayed and put his trust in Jesus!

What we find so incredible is that even during training, God was at work using this community of missionaries to connect people to Christ! We cannot help but dream of all the miraculous things God might do through these 67 people.

## Teach with Cru

Beyond XTrack, Caleb also had a chance in July to be a part of equipping a group of recent college education graduates serving with Teach with Cru. Teach with Cru is a ministry where people with a teaching degree can partner with Cru and go to the world by teaching abroad. For one year, these professionals are trusting God to make a deep and lasting impact in the lives of K-12 students by teaching at one of Cru's partnership schools in Hungary and Thailand. Caleb was able to spend time resourcing them as they get ready to leave in early August.

Thank you for your partnership in this work of equipping and sending people to the world to reach people for Christ. We are so thankful for you.

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## Prayer Requests:

Please pray for the 67 XTrack participants as they make their final preparations before reporting to their international ministry assignments.

Please pray for the Teach with Cru missionaries as they launch a new academic ministry year in Hungary and Thailand.

Please pray for the many Cru campus ministry movements as that will be restarting come late August. Please pray for these staff teams as they prepare for the ministry God has for them this fall.

