"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



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"Like a toddler in a new world," is how Zach (St Cloud State University) sums up his spring semester experience of salvation, discipleship, Bible study, and church.

It all began on an unseasonably warm Minnesota night this past February. Zach found himself walking into a church where students had gathered to experience Cru's virtual Winter Conference. Shortly after that conference, Zach committed to going on the North Myrtle Beach Summer Mission this past summer.

Fresh from four weeks of intensive evangelism and discipleship at North Myrtle Beach Summer Mission, Zach is excited to be a part of connecting others to Christ back at St Cloud. Zach is meeting up with friends and helping Cru reach out to other students, initiating Christian community in the dorms, and even emceeing Cru's weekly meeting on campus. He writes, "God has given me a big heart for others."

When we heard this story about Zach, we could not help but get excited for the start of the new ministry year on campuses across the Midwest. These first several weeks are a critical window for campus ministry because many people who don't know Christ may be open to spiritual conversations during a season of significant transition. In addition to sharing the good news about Christ, Cru ministry teams are also providing opportunities for connection and growth in the context of a vibrant Christian community on campus.

Family Update

We are happy to share that Laura has accepted a new part-time job as a Ministry Associate at our local church in the Twin Cities. She will have the opportunity to support the full-time ministry staff and serve many of the volunteers that lead ministries within the church. It has been very exciting to follow God's leading down this path.

Though Laura's status with Cru will be changing in some ways in light of this new opportunity, our family's ministry with Cru will not change. Thank you for your continued partnership in this ministry with us.

With love in Christ,

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James had his first day of first grade this week. After homeschooling last year, he has loved the new adventure of attending our neighborhood school.

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Zach to continue to grow as a leader, firm in his faith.

Please pray for the fall ministry kickoff as ministries launch on campus!

Please pray for opportunities to connect students with the gospel who will reach others with the good news about Jesus as well.

Please pray for Laura as she begins serving as Ministry Associate at our local church.

