

Touching the World By Sending Workers Into God's Harvest

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A long time ago, God used a verse from Isaiah to encourage me as I made the decision to join the staff of Campus Crusade.

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me." Isaiah 6:8.

It seemed that God was asking, "Who is available to go and reach Japanese college students? Someone is needed—will you go for me?" Isaiah responded with willingness to go when God asked. I did too.

Now my Sending team and I are also seeking to find those willing to go to work in God's harvest fields both around the world and here at the International Headquarters. We partner with the campus ministry and the regional operations directors to find qualified young people who are willing to serve. As we seek to build movements everywhere there is always a great need to build the operational capacity of the ministry.

One of our efforts to find these new laborers is to host a conference called **"Preview Weekend."** Recently 43 qualified college seniors and juniors with special skills came to visit the Headquarters at Lake Hart. These students began to catch a vision for how they can touch the whole world while using their skills here for the Lord!

During the weekend my team and other staff members helped guide the students around headquarters, gave them great input on discerning God's will for their lives, and provided opportunities for them to interact with some of our top leaders.



43 students came to Preview Week at our Lake Hart Headquarters.

Here's what some of the students had to say afterwards:

Cassandra Ellington:

"Preview Weekend was an amazing experience and opportunity for me. I wanted to learn more about the operations side of the ministry. I was blessed by all the students who attended and their desire to know God's will for their lives. It will be super exciting to hear where everyone ends up and how they are serving the Lord. The staff were also amazing by their willingness to serve us and be an open book to any questions we may have. This definitely needs to be a yearly event!"

Raya Hansen:

"Though I enjoyed the flights, since it was my first time flying, I was racing home to tell my roommates and family about the Preview Weekend. It was an experience like no other. It included two of my favorite things, a professional lifestyle and GOD! I would love to work for CCC!

"I enjoyed many of the speakers from this weekend. They had a lot of good information to share and different ways to look at the future. I went into the weekend with my future plans figured out and left totally confused, in a good way though. I feel that God was showing me the difference between my wants and plans and His. This weekend really gave me the opportunity to surrender. I was being taught to put my future in His hands although it can sometimes be very difficult, like Steve Douglass and his wife Judy shared. Their testimonies about how they became a part of CCC staff are so inspirational.

"I also met great friends! Everybody thought every person there was the coolest person they ever met. We all had unique talents and stories to share. There is only one downfall to meeting all these great people...I have been spending more time on Facebook than ever before.

"It was informational, inspirational, and a time of spiritual/professional growth."

Nicole Braun:

"I was truly floored by Preview Weekend. I had no idea the extent of the operations of CCC. The CCC staff treated us amazingly. I was challenged by those who spoke in the meetings and uplifted by being surrounded by people so passionate for CHRIST. Perhaps God will call me to join and work side by side with the staff at CCC."

Sean Bullman:

"It was definitely a great time getting to catch some of the vision for ministry there. One of the neat things that I experienced was relating to reaching the WORLD for Christ... seeing the greater mission that Christ, Crusade, and the global church are engaged in around the world...I think I gained a greater vision of world missions and potentially how God could use me there, with Cru, in Orlando. All very exciting stuff!" The excitement continues! Now just a few weeks after that weekend, we have over 20 applications for internships for next year at Lake Hart! Praise God! Would you take a moment to pray now, that the Lord would give these graduating seniors faith that God will use them here next year and that He can provide for their support even in this economy? Thanks for helping us find the laborers that God is calling to serve in the harvest using their gifts and talents.

MINISTRY GIVING UPDATE

Steve is still at work part-time leading the Sending Team and part-time developing additional ministry partners for our financial and prayer support. He is planning trips to Dallas and California this spring. Please be in prayer with us for the additional 17 families that are needed to join our team and get us back into full-time ministry mode!

We love you and are so excited at what God is doing through us with your help!

With love and thanks, Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben, Melíssa and Josh

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