

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION



Steve speaking with the new staff about God's call on their lives.



Rochelle and I had the privilege to minister to the new staff attending Cru's January New Staff Training at one morning session. We facilitated some small groups, and I (Steve) spoke to the trainees. It was a pleasure to help them as they trust God while preparing for full time service with Cru. I shared with them from Daniel Ch. 1 about Daniel beginning to fulfill a call to be God's spokesperson to the most powerful of earthly kings, Nebuchadnezzar. God greatly used Daniel, and he wants to use humble, flexible servants of His to have a great impact in His sovereign plan.

Cru has 4 New Staff Trainings each year. All full-time staff trainees must attend one of these trainings where they learn about the mission and structure of Cru and gain biblical insight into God's call in their lives. During the six weeks, they also complete 4 graduate level courses in biblical studies, and receive training on developing a team of ministry partners to support their work with Cru.

It was so encouraging to us to see these young people's enthusiasm for reaching people for Christ and know that our Sending Team has helped many of the trainees get this far.



IMPACT OF SENDING

In the last 6 months we have been able to send these staff (pictured at left) and many others to serve the Lord in Germany, South Africa, Mexico, the Middle East, the UK, Haiti, the Philippines, Budapest, Thailand and parts of Asia.

Your partnership is helping impact the world for Christ through their lives!



Missionaries from Japan visit our home

UPDATES FROM JAPAN

We enjoyed visits with staff who are serving God in Japan, and spent precious time in prayer with them and other former Japan staff for all that God is doing in the ministry. We were reminded of our 23 years there. How we enjoyed serving on campus, and in Jesus Film and operations ministry roles during those years!

We learned that the entire leadership of Japan CCC is now composed of Japanese nationals, and that they are focusing on building stronger campus movements of multiplying disciples in the key cities. They are also reaching out to businessmen in Tokyo and emphasizing relief efforts in the tsunami areas. Some staff are distributing Manga cartoon booklets to bring hope to those dealing with depression and suicidal thoughts.

Please join us in prayer for the new Japanese leaders that God would guide them as they direct and strengthen the staff and movements of disciples in Japan. God is at work! To Him be all the glory!

VISITING MINISTRY PARTNERS

Steve will be visiting California and Dallas in the coming weeks to meet our partners and trust the Lord to lead us to others who will join our ministry support team. We are asking God to provide the \$1600 monthly we need to get us to full support.

We are so thankful to the Lord and you that He provided \$14,000 toward the special needs we wrote about at the end of the year! God is so faithful to provide.

Your ideas to introduce us to those you know who share our heart to reach the world for Jesus Christ would help us get there. Please pray with us that God would lead us to the partners He has for our support team. Thanks!

We appreciate you all so much! It is so great to serve the Lord together with you!

*With love and thanks,
Steve, Rochelle and family*