

## EVERY LIFE CHANGED IS PRECIOUS

Your partnership is helping us prepare and send more workers to bring the hope of the gospel to more corners of the world!

We recently sent Scott and Angie Bentley to Australia to support and develop the ministries of the staff there. Consider their story from one of the community ministry staff they serve.

*Six months ago, Australian Cru missionary Ryan ran into a youth who attends a weekly*



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*BBQ and sports activity that Ryan helps run. Ryan also met the young man's brother, Pat, and discovered that Pat had recently been released from prison.*

*Ryan asked Pat, 'Where is God in your life?' That question stumped and stirred something within Pat. He was well aware of the background of abandonment, violence, frequent prison bouts and brokenness that had shaped his life.*

***Ryan's simple question sparked the beginning of Pat's spiritual journey to Jesus.** Pat started coming to the small church which Ryan helped launch in a nearby*

*town.*

*Two months ago, Pat read a Cru booklet called, "Satisfied?" He finally understood what God had done for him on the cross and broke down in tears. He was ready for Jesus to change him.*

*Since then, Pat can't stop talking about Christ. Recently he asked to be baptized by Ryan. Now Ryan and Pat are starting a study group with Pat's family and friends who want to know Jesus!*

One of the goals of Cru is to raise up well-equipped staff and disciples who are ready to engage the culture with the gospel where they live, just like Ryan. To help do that, Cru holds a Cru Staff Conference in Fort Collins, CO every other summer. Rochelle and I look forward to an inspiring time of learning and connecting with staff, including those we've sent. This July 13th to 22nd is a significant time for all US staff to come together to meet with the Lord, to hear how He is working around the world, and to renew our vision for where He is leading us as a movement.

Please pray with us that the Lord would work in a mighty way among the staff to prepare us for greater service to Him. Pray that we would be built spiritually and grow in our faith. Pray for opportunities to build up and encourage those we have sent as missionaries. Pray for health and safety for our family as we travel.

If you'd like to give a gift to help cover our travel and conference costs for the Staff Conference, you can give securely online at [give.cru.org/0257817](http://give.cru.org/0257817).

Thank you so much for your prayers! You are a great blessing to us!

*With much joy in Jesus,  
Steve, Rochelle, and family*