

The “Be” and the “Cause” at #Cru19



5 weeks after Steve’s surgery (more on that in a moment) Rochelle, Josh and I flew out to Fort Collins, CO, and joined around 5000 or so of our fellow Cru staff for the Cru19 Staff Conference on the campus at CSU. With our theme focused on “being” together with God, and pursuing the “cause” he has invited us into with Him, we spent wonderful time in worship and centering our lives on Him, as well as learning more in areas of diversity, partnership, evangelism and reaching everyone with the gospel.

We were again delighted to learn from spiritual leaders from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds teaching the word and sharing their ministry experience.

Steve Sellers, our US National Director, powerfully drew us together around our common focus on Christ, fulfilling the Great Commission, and using all our various strategies in the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish His mission.

Progress markers included

- 2 years ago Cru and our partners were active on 5000 university campuses world wide, and now that number has grown to 8000!
- Many US ministries and churches are partnering through the EveryCampus.com initiative to see that every US campus is adopted and prayed for and engaged in Christian ministry by the end of 2020.
- Our new staff joining Cru this year represent the most diverse ethnic mix ever!
- Students in Brazil stepped up so that the Cru campus ministry in 18 states of Brazil grew to include all 40 of Brazil’s states.

And so much more! Check it out at cru.org/cru19 and your favorite social media #Cru19.

Update on Steve's Health

Thank you to all for your prayers for Steve.

The physical recovery from the surgery went very well, although the different hormone levels kept me a bit longer in the hospital than the previous surgery. By 4 weeks I was really ready to go and got out to do lawnwork and install ceiling fans in 2 rooms! That last is because we are now hosting a foreign exchange student from Spain, Nicolas Garcia, for the school year. He will be a younger brother to Josh, one year behind, so they will be going off to our local high school together.

Anyway, my eyesight hasn't yet recovered, but that took about 3 months last time for the nerve to recover and the sight to clear up, so I am patient.

Please continue to pray with me that the Lord would do the real miracle of stopping or taking the tumor away, so we don't have to keep doing these surgeries to drain and remove the middle of the tumor. As we looked into other options of solving this problem permanently, we found there aren't any. We discussed the possibility of using radiation to kill the tumor, but it could also damage the optic nerve which we are trying to save. If the neuro-surgeon tries to remove the tumor, he could pull out brain and nerve tissue nearby and that is also not good. So we need God's help to resolve and heal this pituitary tumor!

For now, I'm back to work and walking through the followups with the doctor and my endocrinologist (who balances the hormones that get out of order from the surgeries).

We both appreciate your prayers for good health and protection so much!



*With love in Jesus,
Steve, Rochelle, and Josh*