

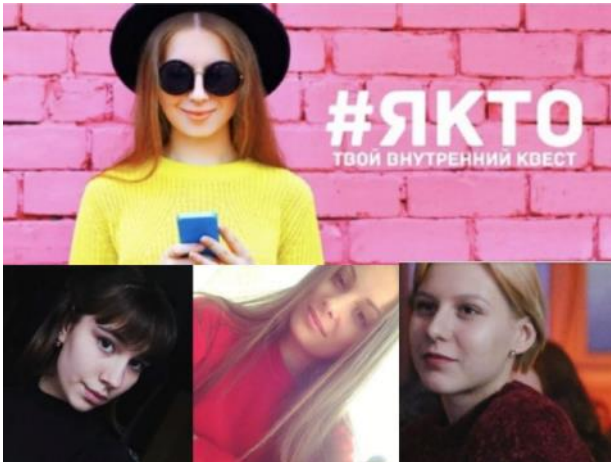


God's work among students

Dear Friends,

We hope you are seeing examples of the Lord's grace to you through this Covid time. It is a continual blessing that God is not hindered in accomplishing His mission. He is still bringing living water to thirsty people around the world! We want to share some stories of how God is at work through Cru recently.

Many of our campus teams have expanded their involvement in digital ministry. Cru students from the city of Ekaterinburg, Russia, had met some students at a conference from Chelyabinsk. They connected



Digital outreach by Cru students in Russia

up with them online and trained them to use a digital outreach strategy. Then these students from Chelyabinsk shared the gospel leading other students in their city to Christ online. One student found a friend from Chelyabinsk in a third city and led her to the Lord too! Can't travel? No problem!

Emma Earick and Lee McMains led a digital international mission this summer focused on Central Asia. They shared how Facebook and Instagram connections have led to many new decisions for Christ and provided a way for the local staff teams in the Central Asian countries to follow up and disciple these new believers. God is working in powerful ways through the students and staff involved. This digital missions outreach has led to reaching over 500 students with the Gospel in Central Asia!

Noemi Gonzalez has served as an international intern in a North Africa/Middle East location. Over the last two years, in a country where people have said it's impossible to start a campus ministry, Noemi and her team have seen God work in astounding ways. She shared how God raised up 240 new believers in these two years. Over half of the group was led to Christ by the first students who were won to Christ and disciplined and equipped to share the Gospel with others by the Cru mission team! There are now campus movements where we have never had them before! We praise God for this spiritual multiplication!

At the same time God is working in other lands like Japan! There are 4 new staff members there that God has raised up through the local Campus ministry who are presently going through training and raising their funds. Please join us in praying for Koki, Shota, Koha and Mayu as they prepare for a lifetime of impacting students for Christ.



We celebrate with you what God is doing through these efforts of faith online even while the Covid 19 pandemic is continuing to spread around the world.

In our local sending ministry, our summer New Staff Orientation will begin tomorrow, July 24, in an online format. About 160 new staff will be trained and commissioned as missionaries with Cru!

Rochelle is also praying and connecting with her team about starting up the Cru clubs at Avalon and Timber Springs Middle Schools this fall. It seems that schools are hoping to open in an in-person format while also giving families the option to do school from home online. So it might be possible to hold the club this year! Rochelle happened to see one of the Cru students at the community pool. Isabella is very eager to return to the Cru club! She shared that she kept all the Bible study printouts from last year. This encouraged Rochelle so much and she hopes she and her team can continue to impact lives for Jesus and encourage students in their faith again this year. Please pray for the doors to open for holding Cru clubs at our local schools.

We also wanted to let you know that our son Andy has made it to Takamatsu, Japan, and is again with his family at Ryoko's parents' home. He has taken paternity leave from his accounting work in Los Angeles. Thank you so much for your prayers!

Thank you all so much for your prayers and faithful and generous financial support of our ministry! We appreciate you all so much! Please keep in touch and let us know how we can pray for you in this season. We love you!

*With love in Jesus,
Steve & Rochelle*

Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for the training of our new staff which starts tomorrow!
- Praise God for the good results from Rochelle's bloodwork. The infusions are working. But she learned yesterday that these treatments are usually for a lifetime.
- Pray for Josh as he begins his senior year in the midst of Covid.
- Pray for wisdom on how to resume Cru at Avalon and Timber Springs Middle Schools and for Josh's High School Cru group.