

November 26, 2020

Dear

We have much to be grateful for as we look back on this amazing year. All our kids are doing well, including 2 grandkids. Andy and Ryoko spent several months in Japan for the birth of little Leon and are back in California. Ben and Quinn continue to serve the Lord with Cru in California and Ben has added the pursuit of a master's degree in counseling to his work. Ben and Melissa are doing well here in Orlando. Melissa stopped teaching and is also studying counseling. Our son Josh is completing his senior year, got his first part time job and is accepted for the University of Central Florida in the fall.



And we are so grateful to the Lord for all that He is doing through our work with Cru. Our sending team sent out hundreds of new staff and interns worldwide this crazy Covid year, who are at work to win, build and send today's college students. Dawn Wright, part of the SMU/UTD campus team is one of those sent and cared for by our team. She shares about two students touched by Jesus this fall:

*Back in August, I approached Kennedy, a freshman at University of Texas at Dallas, to fill out a spiritual interest survey in exchange for a free UTD shirt. Kennedy quickly shared that she did not know how to find a group to help her grow in her faith. Within a few hours, she was at her first Cru Bible study. Today, she is being disciplined by another Cru student.*



UTD Fall Getaway

*Before all this happened, Kennedy moved in with a random potluck roommate named Chelsea. Kennedy brought Chelsea with her to Fall Getaway! During the devotional time that Saturday morning, our student leader Paige pulled Chelsea aside to share the Gospel with her. When all the students came back, Chelsea proclaimed "I just accepted Jesus as my Savior!" What an incredibly intentional God we serve who placed Chelsea and Kennedy as "random" roommates and then allowed me to "randomly" walk up to Kennedy on campus. Now Kennedy has a family to grow with and Chelsea is a part of the family!*

Incredible! Amid a global pandemic the Lord continues to do amazing things on our college campuses, and we have great anticipation for what He will do in 2021. Rochelle and I remain passionate to see the world reached with the good news of Jesus as we help send out these critically needed workers to a very challenged world. We are so thankful for you, our generous team of ministry partners, and your critical contribution to God's work through us, recruiting, preparing, and caring for more missionaries to win and build disciples.

As 2021 draws close, would you prayerfully consider a special year end gift for our ministry of sending new workers to the world? We're asking God to provide an additional \$14,000 for ministry expenses and additional medical expenses. If God leads you to give a year end gift,

you can give online at [www.give.cru.org/00257817](http://www.give.cru.org/00257817). If you prefer to give by check, make it payable to Cru and send it back to us in the enclosed envelope, along with the response card, postmarked by December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know how we can pray for you and your family on your response card or by email. We love hearing from you!

We are grateful that God continues to use us and Cru staff around the world. Thank you for your partnership with us bringing the gospel of Christ to the nations! Thank you for encouraging us and praying for us! We pray you and your family may be able to celebrate well even in this unusual season. May our Savior pour out his love into your hearts in new and fresh ways this Christmas and in the New Year! We love you!