



# Prayer News and Updates

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## Kicking Off the Fall Strong



The start of the school year opens a world of opportunities for students...and a world of challenges. We want to meet students and welcome them in the name of Jesus even before they buy their books or receive their first invitation to a party. We frequently help with move-in and host welcome tables to meet incoming students.

Cru staff and student leaders across the nation and around the world work long hours, often on hot days, hustling to meet and follow up with students during these early days on campus. Collectively, we have met tens of

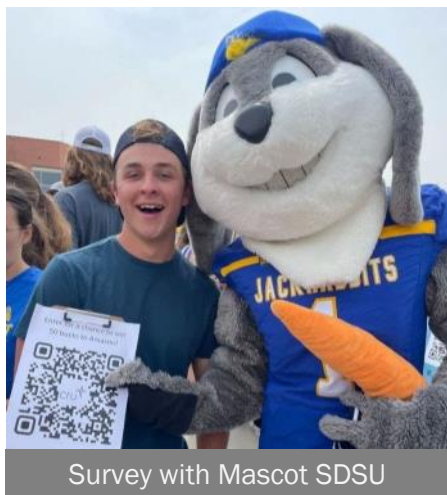
thousands of students. We desire to connect Christian students with community that will accelerate their growth during this trajectory-setting season of life. We want to share the gospel with those who are not yet followers of Jesus.

Texas A&M—When Dan, a Cru staff member, and Mason, a student leader, followed up with Caden, they asked Caden how sure he was about going to heaven. Caden responded, “6 or 7 (out of 10) because I have done good things and was baptized as a kid.” Dan and Mason shared the gospel with Caden using the Knowing God Personally booklet. When they came to the circles that illustrate a life of forgiveness with Christ versus a life of self-reliance, they asked which circle best represented his life. Caden responded, “I am here [not with Christ], but I want to be here [with Jesus]!” After Caden prayed and received Christ, he looked up with tears and smiled. After such a life-changing exchange, Dan asked if they could meet again next week to help Caden grow in his relationship with God. Caden replied, “I have four years!”



Loyola University—Rhoda, a freshman, had never heard the gospel. After the Cru welcome event, a Cru staff member met with her and explained it to her. Rhoda said, “This is what I’ve been searching for.” and accepted Jesus.

South Dakota State University—As a result of the Cru welcome table, the students and Cru staff invited 375 students to the first weekly meeting. 110 students attended, double the amount from last year! Students stood along each aisle, in the back of the room, and even in



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the hallway. They heard the gospel. In the text responses following the gospel presentation, 15 students indicated they prayed and received Christ and 15 others made renewed commitments to following Jesus.

PRAY with us for these incoming students:

- That they would choose Jesus over all of the other things coming at them.
- That those who have recently come to Christ would put themselves in a place of growth so they can get their roots deep into the Lord.
- That those who are following the Lord would continue to reach out to those who have not yet come to know Christ.

Thanks you so much for partnering with us so that more and more students and faculty members can come into a relationship with God. We love to send out new missionaries like these with you!

*With love in Jesus,  
Steve & Rochelle*