

Pickup Game Leads to Six New Believers

Basketball and the gospel aren't always on the same team, but for one Cru intern from southern Wisconsin on a spring break trip, they proved to be a winning combination.

The first day of the Cru mission week in Panama City Beach, Florida, a group of high schoolers, who also happened to be from Wisconsin, invited Cru intern Justin to a late-night pickup game. When Justin mentioned he was in town with Cru to help students know Christ, the teens joked that that "work" must be a cover for trouble—a prompt that opened the door for a deeper conversation. Justin shared his faith testimony.



The mood shifted when Justin asked, "Do you guys have a faith?"

They exchanged phone numbers and on the third and final time hooping together, Justin asked, "Do you guys know what the gospel is?" They admitted they weren't sure and invited him to share it. As he did, right there on the court, all four players prayed to receive Christ!

On the final night of the week, Justin met up with a couple more of their friends and shared the gospel again. Two more gave their lives to Christ! What started as an unexpected invitation to "hoop" ended with six lives changed through bold conversation.

We are so grateful to be a part of sending new interns like Justin!

As we get ready for our mission trip to Japan this summer, it strikes me that God is calling us to exercise the same bold faith that Justin has. We are asking Him to provide the opportunities to connect, make friends through some activities and share the gospel. Please join us in prayer that our team will have many opportunities like these during this trip.

We are still in need of about \$1800 of our \$6600 goal to fund this project for Rochelle and me. Thanks for prayerfully considering this need. Please send a check made out to Cru to our home address, or give online to our Cru account, give.cru.org/0257817.

Our team was sad to learn that our leader had to step aside for a family emergency and will be unable to come. Steve will be leading the team. Your prayers for our preparations and protection are appreciated!

Thanks for praying! We are blessed to help send more people on mission for the Lord Jesus. We are grateful for you!



With love in Jesus, Steve & Rochelle