



Close-up On Campus

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Not Wine, but the Spirit

The year is in full swing as students are taking midterms, enjoying warm coffee and the look of fall! The winter coats are out and the library is full! It seems that now is the time students will really buckle down because they see the semester quickly waning away. For Josh, an upperclassman in Cru, much more is happening.

I met Josh when he was a freshman, still exploring the excitement of college. He frequented Cru, but also found time for an eventful party life. While intelligent and from a secure home, he had adopted the common college mindset of personal comfort first, Christ second. For some reason last year he roomed with several



Josh is growing and following God, now, more than ever before! Praise God!

of our student leaders in Cru. His frivolous habits were soon lovingly confronted by his roommates. I remember personally challenging him

after one of our weekly meetings last semester to follow Eph 5:18 and ask his roommates for forgiveness for taking advantage of them. As we all embraced and challenged him the Holy Spirit worked in him. We watched his desires become replaced by a hunger for closeness to God. Being under-aged, he has given up drinking, plugged into Bible studies and begun to spend quality time with the Lord.

This semester I have disciplined him, teaching him the building blocks of the faith and watching him (almost immediately) pass these truths on to others. Continue to pray for Josh as he grows deeper in his love for and faith in Jesus.

Bible Thought:

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”
Galatians 5:16

Book Recommendation:

Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ
by John Piper

Please Pray

- Open hearts as we follow up with students from an outreach we called ‘Who Is Jesus?’
- Radiate, our post-Christmas conference, will be perfect to teach our students to live out their faith amongst their peers. Pray that many go.
- Phil, my boss, recently broke his arm. Pray for his speedy recovery and people to work his stead.

Praise God!

- Nate, our student Bible Study Leader, has done an excellent job planning and delegating for the outreach.
- Our Regional Fall Retreat saw over 200 students show up! We are amazed at the desire of students to grow and lead!
- Grant came at just the right time to be the roommate I needed.

Seek First His Kingdom

Last letter I asked you to pray about my unsure housing situation. Thank you so much! God has provided yet again. I see that the more God proves faithful to us, the more faithful we become to Him, just as He has ordained (Ps 63:3). My roommate was unexpectedly moving out, I had two weeks and, given the time, I could find no alternative living locations. I needed another room-

mate. I prayed, and I asked every bachelor I could think of – to no avail. When it seemed like there were no more options, my boss passed along a voicemail he’d spontaneously received that went like this: “I am wondering if there are any Campus Crusade people who need a roommate.” Grant, a Christian and recent college grad, landed a job working in Indiana and needed a room-

mate just as badly as I did. What an unexpected and glorious blessing! Just when it seemed hopeless, God provided. I am reminded of Matt 6:33:

“Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Thank you for your prayers! I know they have power!

In Christ, (Phil 3:12)



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