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Prayer Requests:

- For students to sign up for our winter conference, Radiate!
- Praise for the huge display of student ownership with the International Thanksgiving dinner
- Join me in praying for our students as winter break approaches. This is often a hard time for students spiritually, as they may not have strong support in their faith going home.



For Him and Through Him

November 2013

Have you ever watched something you're passionate about slip through the cracks? Our students did and they were ready to do whatever they could to save it. Charlotte Hirneisen and Mark Bowser were the first two students to hear that the International Thanksgiving dinner might not be possible this school year. Every November for the past six years Cru has partnered with local churches and other campus ministries to host a Thanksgiving dinner for the international students. This is a great opportunity to serve them, share our

> culture with them and share the gospel. These students have a huge heart for this particular group of students. It was a tremendous opportunity to see Charlotte step up in leadership and use her gifts to serve and plan an event that typically serves 200 students.

They began writing letters, contacting businesses, churches, campus ministries and Cru Bible studies to ask them to partner with them by providing food. Many of the Cru students stepped up by helping to prepare what was donated. This event is a great reminder of how blessed our ministry is to have such great support from local churches and to see their heart to reach students with the gospel.

Students across campus were preparing anywhere from 2 to 15 boxes of stuffing, baking pies and taking the time to pray for students who would be attending, some who would be hearing the gospel for the first time. Oge shared her testimony after dinner and Ola, a student from Nigeria, followed with a clear presentation and invitation to enter into a relationship with Jesus. Many students stayed much longer after the event ended, swapping life stories and engaging in spiritual conversations.

At the end of the night, we even had a few leftovers. A few guys were on top of that, with plans to take it to a homeless shelter.

Charlotte and her friend Erica preparing for the dinner

My Mom and I at my bridal shower

One of the most exciting pre-wedding events happened this past weekend! My mother and lovely bridesmaids put together a bridal shower for some of my favorite women to enjoy together. It was a jam-packed day as my maid of honor informs me that we're headed off to my bachelorette party right after! I love sharing this time with these loving, encouraging women. I couldn't ask for a better support system.

