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Reaching COLLEGE STUDENTS with Jeff and Karen

We just love writing to you, the best people we've ever met! Your faithful prayers and encouragement fill us up and give us so much to pour out to others. Here's what we mean...



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Love,
Jeff + Karen

BROOKLYN UPDATE

Remember what God was doing last month in Brooklyn? Check out this text from Diana: Jeff, just came out of a meeting with Pastor Paul, Sasha [new Cru missionary in NYC] and a couple of others. God is about to set Brooklyn on fire. And your name was the one who connected it together!! The elbow [I have referred to myself as an elbow in the body of Christ, connecting heart to hands]! Pastor Paul invited me to his church plant gathering Friday. I invited Samantha [another evangelist friend] and her children. Its in her neighborhood! Look at God!!!! Keep doing what u do!

Email from Pastor Paul: It was a great meeting. Sam [Jews for Jesus] shared his experiences doing outreach and evangelism on campus and provided a lot of helpful information in terms of decoding the campus [learning all about it]. He is also going to work with Cru in providing training to reach out to Jewish students.

In terms of next steps, Sasha and Josh are going to set up evangelism training for members from our [church] launch team and then we will go out together on campus. They are also going to work through [a Brooklyn College student] to get a club on campus that will facilitate greater access to students and for follow up. We are also going to create a prayer group that meets at least monthly to pray for the work and the community.

I'm excited!!! I can't wait to see where God takes this. I was blown away how God brought all of us together, and you, sir, were the instrument that the Lord used. Jeff, I truly thank God for you and your heart to see His kingdom grow. Keep praying these folks and for more like them!



Top: Sarah and Sasha from Cru
Below: Pastor Paul and Diana



PRAISES

- * Student ministries growing with us in Brooklyn, Texas and Orlando
- * Cru is shifting more toward partnership top to bottom and asking for our help!
- * Our kids are walking lights for Jesus :)

REQUESTS

- * Karen's foot to be healed
- * Churches to reach University of Central Florida
- * Many Cru staff going through major transitions

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

This week our Spring Break Outreaches begin in Florida, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. For 3 weeks, nearly 2,000 college students will be trained in ministry and evangelism, and tens of thousands more will be hearing the Gospel on the beaches.

This is such a strategic time, and YOU can play an easy/awesome part! We will have real-time results and names of people who accept Christ on a daily basis and I would love to be able to get people praying for these individuals by name. Will you sign up (<http://tinyurl.com/bbprayer>) to pray for these new believers in the Lord? I am looking for as many people as possible to be praying with us.

At the end of each day, between March 4th and March 25th, you will receive a list of first names of people who gave their lives to the Lord that very day at Big Break. Last year, 3,858 people heard the entire gospel and 504 precious folks declared a new and saving faith in Jesus Christ! I can't wait to see what He'll do this year! Visit Grantministry.org/after-big-break to hear about lasting impact from last year.



Luke 10:2

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."



Right now the kids are fascinated with bees. Bees in science, bees in math, bee-colored furniture, and bees on the playground. After seeing a Winnie the Pooh movie, Arthur and Katherine hatched an elaborate plan (see elaborate plan to the right... I don't get it either :) to trick some bees out of their honey. The hats, gloves, and shields (left) are to protect against stinging while they coax the bees into their decoy hive (held by Kat). It was "sweet" to see them so engrossed in a project together, and they were "hungry" to learn. Disclaimer: no bees, honey, or humans were harmed or endangered at any time :)



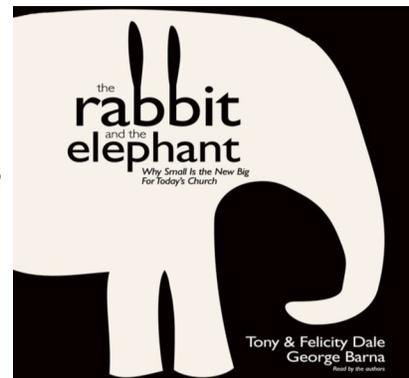
On a more serious note, Karen just adores random opportunities to be Christ to people everywhere she goes. Here she is at Cracker Barrel before our staff team's Spring Birthdays Breakfast. She's praying with Libby the hostess, who was concerned about her upcoming hip replacement surgery. When Karen offered to pray, she said, "I KNEW you must be a Christian!" Our kids are watching this kind of thing all the time, and Katherine especially has shown a proclivity for this type of ministry. Last week, she struck up a conversation with a waitress at Golden Corral and gave her a little card that points people to a website about God's love for them (40DaysOfLove.net).



This month we had a great opportunity to show our kids about the gospel going hand-in-hand with physical service. Cru's humanitarian aid ministry (GAINusa.org) hosted a seed-packing event to help African families begin sustainable farming lifestyles. GAIN partners with local churches in many countries to share the hope of eternal life along with meeting physical needs and restoring dignity in this earthly life. At the end of the first shift, they said our team packed and labeled enough seeds to help over 15,000 families!

WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

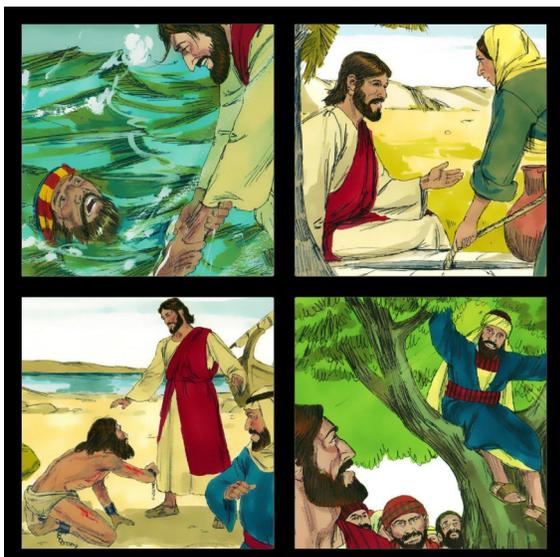
At a recent conference we learned a very helpful analogy. Did you know that an elephant pregnancy lasts two years? So, in best cases, 2 elephants become 3 after two years. In the same amount of time, 2 rabbits become 1,369! This "conservative" estimate is



based on the fact that they can have a new litter (of up to 14) every month. Not only that, but baby rabbits are ready to reproduce in only half a year!

What's the point? Simpler things can multiply faster. Jesus kept it simple. He frequently sent people out to speak for Him who were no kind of biblical scholars (see His champions on the left)! In Luke 10, Jesus sends out 36 pairs of missionaries and in verse 2, He gives them this very simple instruction, "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out ([violently shove](#)) laborers into his harvest."

On a personal note, we too can get bogged down by overcomplicating things. In fact, in 2 Cor 11:3 Paul is concerned that the devil would trick believers away from the "[pure and simple](#)" devotion to Christ. So, I'd like to challenge you to carry on that simple task. Would you commit to praying one sentence (Luke 10:2) every day—perhaps at 10:02 on the clock? :) Perhaps pair up with someone like they did and see what God does!



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