



# CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

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### Heart

Most months our prayer letter is filled with stories of things that have been going on lately... we'll get back to that *next* month. As I (Jayson) sat down to write this today there was something on my mind that I haven't gotten to share with many of you who are praying for us. I want to share a little bit of my passion in my work with college students.

One of the things I notice as I survey the groups of students involved in ministry is a lack of young men who are leading; men who are sold out to following God's lead in their lives. I see guys who are much like their first father, Adam, in the garden – passive – standing by as decisions are made around them and just following what everyone else is doing. I see guys who have no idea how to move towards being adults, guys who will some day be husbands and fathers who (to a large degree) have never seen what it means to fill those roles and walk with God at the same time. This is what I see on every campus, and it plays out in facts like the reality that as of right now we have more than 30 ladies who have applied for Summer Project this year in Ocean City, MD but only 4 guys! **Where are they?!**

I want to see the guys stepping up. I want to see them leading out of a passionate love for their Father God – I want to see **life change** in the lives of the young men of this generation!

### Fighting

*"...remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers... Nehemiah 4:14*

*"At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us." Nehemiah 4:20*

I hear the trumpet and I am rallying. This semester has been a lot of intentional work investing in the men on our campuses. In January I took on a group of Slippery Rock guys who are leaders in the movement there because they were starving for someone to pour into them; the two week book study has turned into one of the things in my week that I most look forward to. The guys are real and open about their questions and life – and the material (John Eldredge's *Waking the Dead*) has been paradigm-shattering for a few of the guys. Also, with our just-announced year away from Western PA I have been striving to make sure the men are equipped to not only survive the next year, but thrive and lead in the wide-open freedom that can exist in Catalytic Ministry when the staff aren't around as much (there will be a new intern next year, but another woman – again, where are the guys?!). The extra time has eaten up a lot of my time, but I just cannot stand by and watch them flounder.

### Direction

Sometimes there is not a whole lot more you can do but pray. As we've looked at the national numbers, we've seen that the number of men involved in the ministries are all down. We're desperately trying to figure out if it's something that we're doing wrong or

if there's something that is pulling all of these men away that is beyond anyone's control but the Lord's. Please be praying for young men to step up and lead – to be involved in the spiritual life on their campuses and their world.

- Pray for men to step up and be involved and leading in the spiritual movements on their campuses.
- Pray for more men to apply for the Ocean City Summer Project this year – 3 is simply not enough!
- Pray for our transition to Washington D.C. the housing situation is still up in the air and a lot is riding on that issue.
- My (Jayson's) uncle Ken passed away in the middle of February, please be praying for my family in this hard time.
- Pray for the after-effects of our trip to New Orleans again this year – there were some great conversations with students that are still unsure about faith issues.

Grace and Peace,

*Jayson & Carrie*

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# BREAKING NEWS!!!



WE'VE BEEN KEEPING A SECRET FROM YOU. Back in February we were asked to consider a change in our job for just the next year...

In the Washington DC area there are 280,000 college students on 24 campuses within 20 miles of the large white house on Pennsylvania Ave. Out of all of those campuses – campuses that future world-leaders are now attending – there is a single Campus Crusade for Christ movement. We were asked to be a part of changing that, and as of this past Tuesday it became official (which means we can share the secret) – next year we will be a part of the DC STINT team.

The team will be focused on launching spiritual movements on the 24 campuses in the Washington DC area that are yearning for God's touch. To give you an idea of the extent of influence that these colleges and universities have, here is a list of people who have graduated from our future workplaces:

- Bud Shuster – PA US Representative – American University
- Bob Casey Jr. - PA US Senator – Catholic University
- W. Gresham Striegel – Senior Producer, Fox News Channel - Catholic Univeristy
- Brian M. Cashman - General Manager of the New York Yankees – Catholic Univeristy.
- Chuck Colson – President, Prison Fellowship Ministries – George Washington Univeristy
- John Snow – Secretary of the Treasury – George Washington University
- Colin Powell – George Washington University
- Bill Clinton – Georgetown University
- Felipe de Borbon – Crown Prince of Spain - Georgetown
- King Abdullah II of Jordan – Georgetown
- Sean Combs (aka. Puff Daddy, P. Diddy) – music and media mogul – Howard Univeristy
- Nancy Pelosi – Speaker of the House – Trinity Washington University

The impact we will be able to have could literally reach every area of culture and politics. As you might remember, this is a big change for us as we were looking to purchase a house in the Erie area to focus on ministry there.

If you have any questions, feel free to get ahold of us or visit our website for a video that may help cast a little more vision for you. Please be praying for us in this transition time!