



# CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

## WASHINGTON DC METRO

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## Friends

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As I think of our staff team, I can't help but chuckle. You'd think that after 12 weeks of seeing six people's good, bad and ugly, I would be in no hurry to get back to Arlington after the long weekend. But it's like finding myself hooked on a good sitcom – I can't wait to tune back in and see what everyone is up to. Sure, we all have our quirks, but we've started to grow on me! So this month, since our team is such an integral part of our ministry and daily life, I (Carrie) would love to give you a glimpse of our DC family.

## The Male Box

Bachelor pads always seem to have a distinct personality, and our team's is no exception. The one-story, two-bedroom rental that houses our single men was a great find, and thanks to a sizeable back porch and \$20 fire pit, it has been the social hub for our team this fall. Though it may have gotten too cold for the porch, it will serve us well for a dinner this Friday – our first city-wide gathering of students to talk and pray about direction for next semester.

Most of our staff meetings take place here in the living room, where much prayer and work happen and laughter is often heard (occasionally even from the back room, where a giggle reminiscent of Elmo can be heard out of the 4th roommate, Mike, a grad student at George Washington). The other three residents (Jake, Bob and Brett) hail from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Vienna, VA, respectively, to bring much to our team.

## The Roster

Jake, our 24-year-old team leader, is the visionary. A big picture thinker who is not afraid take risks or cry when he prays, Jake keeps us in the Word and moving forward. If we were a car, he would be our headlights.

Bob would be all eight cylinders. Only two years old in his walk with the Lord, the larger-than-life Penn State grad still has the initial excitement of meeting Christ, and has the energy, boldness and charisma to go with it. Bob is hands-on and a go-getter. I think he would be on campus talking to strangers every day by 7am if schedules allowed.

Brett is thoughtful, discerning, and has a trustworthy maturity. He stays lighthearted, but takes in all of the facts and keeps us aligned. Without Brett, I'm not sure who would give the needed structure and stability; he's the frame.

Five blocks away, next to us is Jacqueline, whose adventuresome spirit brought her from Portland, Oregon. A fun-loving, nurturer with a mother's heart, she lives and breathes people, and it shows in her balmy prayers and musical laugh. A compassionate and approachable teacher, she's someone girls just want to be around. She's our radio.

- Pray for our team to continue to gel and function as a body, even as we become aware of each other's quirks and weaknesses
- Pray for our team as each one seeks God's leading for where to go next year, and for next year's DC Metro team, specifically that it would reflect the ethic diversity of the city
- Pray for focus & momentum during the last 2 weeks before the end of the semester, especially for good attendance to the regional Radiate conference
- Keep praying for Rebecca to get here soon!

( PRAYER NEEDS )

We've mentioned Rebecca, our teammate yet to report. An animated redhead, Rebecca is passionate, intense and bubbly, and anything but surface-y. God gave her a contagious helping of faith and motivation - I think she's our turbocharger!

I hope that gives you some fondness for the DC team. Great as they all are, we desperately depend on your prayers!

In His Love and Service,

*Jason & Carrie*

PS. Also, it's with great joy that we are able to announce the birth of Hannah Marie Weimer yesterday! Her parents, Jason and Maria are friends from the Western PA team. There's a picture on our website.