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A Ministry Update from the Brakes

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Please Pray: This weekend is Cru's Fall Getaway! Sixty students are going! Time together away from campus is always valuable for students to connect with God and each other. Pray that God would work powerfully in students' lives during this weekend's retreat!

I (Emily) teared up during announcements at church on Sunday. My neighbor, who's become a good friend, was inviting others to join the women's Bible study and shared how much a difference it's made in her life this past year. "A neighbor told me about it and I'm so glad she did," she shared. I was that neighbor who invited her. **An invitation can make all the difference and September is the month of invitations for us.** From standing outside the dining hall on campus, calling, "Hey, want a free root beer float?" to posting on social media, to texting new students, so much of what we do as school starts is invitations.

And not just us inviting, but teaching our students to be inviters. I invited that one neighbor to Bible study and now she's up front at church inviting hundreds of people to Bible study. Edward and I are only 2 people, but we when equip students to be inviters and send them out, there's no limit. What we're praying for this year is to have 2 dozen Cru students at UNH who are inviters and disciple-makers, inviting people to come encounter Christ and helping others to learn how to follow him. **Because every person, including college students, is on a spiritual journey.**



Connecting to Students: Free Root Beer Floats (Can you spot Emily?)

I was reminded of this at the bonfire we hosted last week, talking with international students from all over the world. **One girl, who is not a Christian, mentioned she likes going to churches because she feels peace there.** Another said that while her family is religious, she isn't. She'll figure religion out when she's old, like in her mid-20s. (If mid-20s is old, I guess we're ancient?? Gotta love working with college students!)



Backyard Bonfire with Student

So, as we swim in this season of invitations, please pray for us to keep meeting students and for our students to be inviting. Pray for the students on campus at UNH and Keene State, for their spiritual journeys (that some of them aren't even aware of being on!) and that they would encounter Christ. And ask God to use you to be an inviter. **It might not be a Bible study or root beer floats, but how can you be inviting the people around you to encounter Christ?** Tell us: we'd love to hear your thoughts!

Yours in inviting people to meet Jesus,
Edward & Emily



Samuel (4) starts preschool this fall, 2 AMs/week. Sophia (not yet 2) has started talking in full sentences. They often start with the phrase “I need” or “I want”: she has opinions on life! They are good buddies most of the time and like getting to meet students, especially if they have a dog, like our student neighbor

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