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## A Ministry Update from the Brakes

serving with **CRU**



One of the best ways to stay humble as a campus minister is to be planning for next school year now. What do we mean by that? Well, we start planning for the fall now, not really knowing what the freshman class will look like, who will get involved nor how many. But freshmen typically make up 25-30% of the Cru movement. **Imagine planning for your church or job knowing nothing about 25%+ of the people involved. Now imagine that your best, most involved, most trained 25% (aka the seniors) will be gone.** Those factors can either make you panic and think, “It all depends on me!” or trust God to provide what the movement needs for next year. Or, if we’re honest, sometimes it’s a bit of a pendulum swing between panic and trust!

Recently, I(Emily) was struck by a passage in Numbers 1 that listed the thousands upon thousands of men in each of the clans of Israel, not including women and children. No wonder the people panicked in the desert and wondered where they would find food for an entire nation of people! And yet God daily provided more than enough for a numerically staggering amount of people to eat, with ease. As Edward and I look at the “deserts” of ministry --- graduating student leaders, team members changing jobs, etc.----it’s good to be reminded of God’s limitless capacity to know what we need and provide it. **No matter what you’re facing in your life, we pray you might encounter His abundant provision too!**

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Happy Easter!

Edward & Emily

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## Ways to Celebrate and Pray

- **UNH Filters of Hope Spring Break Trip** spent the week distributing filters that will last for a decade and make unsafe water safe to drink. This gave the UNH students and Cru staff opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray that this local Costa Rican church they partnered with would see many come to Christ as result!
  - **National Collegiate Day of Prayer Lunch (2/29)** had 35 UNH students, professors and staff attend and pray together for the campus. Both students and professors said it was really encouraging!
  - **Praise that both Samuel (age 5) & Sophia (age 3) are doing so well!** Other than a family stomach bug this past week (boo!) they've stayed pretty healthy and continue to love reading, playing make-believe, and toy vehicles.
  - Please pray for **Edward's Mission Trip Operations team**: multiple people on his team have switched roles, leaving the team understaffed amidst the busy season of spring break trips and upcoming summer mission trips
  - **Pray for Keene** for faithful, available, teachable student leaders for next year and for an abundance of freshmen join! We start reaching out to freshmen now, through social media, so pray that already we'd make connections.
  - **One really time-sensitive prayer request: pray for Keene Cru's weekly meeting tonight!** We tabled at Keene today and had 6 new students sign up as interested in Cru. Please pray we'd have 8 or more students at the weekly meeting tonight: that would be significant for this fledgling group!
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Thank you to the many of you who signed up last month to pray for the 4 NH campuses (Keene, Plymouth, UNH and Colby-Sawyer) where Cru is present. Our goal is to have someone praying each day until the end of the semester! We still need a few more people for April and May. To sign up: click button below or email [emily.brake@cru.org](mailto:emily.brake@cru.org).

## [Sign-up to Pray for NH Campuses](#)



**Tabling at Keene:** We gave out free candy & flowers and asked students to write on the poster: "What brings you hope?"

**Samuel and Sophia** like to compare heights (we think Sophia is holding out hope that one day she'll magically be taller than Samuel...hasn't happened yet! :) )



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