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**A Ministry Update
from the Brakes**

serving with **CRU**



I (Emily) was supposed to be making the 4 hour round trip to Keene State College, to help table for Cru at the Student Involvement Fair. Instead, I was huddled up under a blanket with a large mug of tea and copious amounts of tissues. When it became obvious I wasn't physically going to be able to make it, I felt discouraged. Tabling last year was hugely helpful in connecting with new students and even new faculty who were interested in a Christian community on campus. We had great students at Keene but none with a lot of experience or comfort in tabling and I'd hoped to make the day a great chance to train and teach connection skills...were we going to miss out on this really strategic chance? Thankfully, no, because 2 of my incredible teammates were willing to go, to train students, help run the table, and connect with lots of students! **We had 22 students sign up as interested: please pray many of them would connect with the Keene Cru community!**

While the Cru NH team is in the thick of fall mode, meeting new students at Keene, UNH and Plymouth, Edward's mission trip operations team is thinking about winter break, spring break, and summer mission trips. His team gathered in Fargo, ND last week to debrief and celebrate all that God did this past summer (see box below) and to start thinking and planning all the ways their team can serve mission trips this year. Edward's team is remote, ranging across all time zones of the US, so this one-week gathering is the only time each year they meet in person.

Would you please be praying for us and our teams as we work to meet students and to share the hope of Christ in NH and around the world with college students? We are so grateful for you!

Edward & Emily

Prayer Requests:

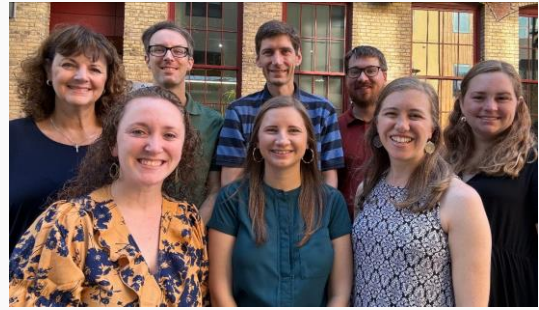
- Cru Fall Getaway is this weekend (Oct 4-6). We have students signed up from UNH, Keene, Colby Sawyer, Plymouth and Dartmouth! Please pray this would be a significant time for students to deepen their faith and commit to living it out on campus
- Pray especially for Keene, as we've hit roadblock after roadblock in getting students to Fall Getaway. Pray that everything would be sorted out this week! And a praise for having such a great advisor and a really supportive administrator at Keene who've been working hard to sort out all the logistics.



Ready to Table: One of my teammates with Keene Cru students

By the Numbers

Edward's team sent 1,593 students on 110 summer mission trips over the last 4 months. This past year they helped send 3,762 students and staff on 282 mission trips! Nationally, Cru has a goal of increasing student mission trip participation by 10% each year. Pray for Edward and his team as they build the structure to support the increase in trips.

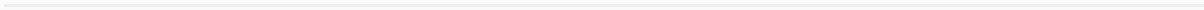


The Cru NH Team and The Mission Trip Operations Team



S&S Scoop

Both kids have dealt with lingering germs the last couple weeks, but are well again. Samuel is loving 1st grade at our local public school. Highlights include the monarch butterflies that his class is hatching and creative free time each afternoon. Sophia is suddenly interested in writing letters and math! She continues to enjoy helping with our garden and making all sorts of art projects.



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