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Recently, another Cru staff member, Todd, led a team development time for Edward's Mission Trip Operations team. During that training, Todd shared how mission trips have impacted his family and him during his 32 years as Cru staff :

"On a mission trip to Russia my junior year of college, in 1991, I got to share the gospel with a student named Sergei who looked me in the eyes and said, "God can't love me. I have too much alcohol in me." Sergei thought he was unworthy to deserve the love of Christ. As we explained what grace is, Sergei could hardly believe it. He said he wanted that kind of love and to know more about this Jesus he never knew about. That moment was significant in God's call on my life to become a missionary [with] Cru.

Mission trips have been instrumental in my family. On a summer mission to Tanzania, as we saw students come to faith, we observed our 16 year old daughter make her faith her own. A few years later, our son did a summer mission where he experienced great community, intentional discipleship, and a mission to reach international students. He came home with a heart to share Christ with others and went on to reach many students on his college campus. Our other son did the same summer mission and experienced transformation that was vital in his journey of following the Lord.

Today all three of our kids are in some form of ministry. Mission trips have been a major piece of their discipleship story. I cannot imagine where I or my family

would be today had we not had these life changing opportunities. Your team provides the necessary logistics and systems so that more laborers can be sent into the harvest to proclaim the gospel and have their lives transformed by it themselves.”

As you can imagine, it was an incredible blessing for me (Edward) and my team to be reminded of the lifelong impact mission trips have both on those who hear the Gospel and the ones who are sent! See inset for some numbers from this summer and ways you can be praying for summer missions.

Thanks for your partnership that makes this possible!

Edward & Emily

Summer Mission Highlights

- This summer **1,622 students** are participating on **95 Cru Summer Mission Trips**.
- The first 2 weeks of the North Myrtle Beach Summer Mission saw **over 100 people place their faith in Christ or re-dedicate their lives to Him!**
- Students from the Belgium Summer Mission got to share what it looks like to live in relationship with Jesus in a religious studies class. As a result, **2 of the students in the class came to faith!**

Prayer Requests

- Pray that God would use Summer Missions to impact the students who go and the people with whom they share the gospel. May many begin following Jesus because of these trips!

- Edward is traveling for Cru's weeklong national staff conference in July. Pray for a refreshing time for him and for Emily and the kids as they stay home.



3S Scoop

Samuel turned 7 this month and finished 1st grade. He loves school but is enjoying the freedom and fun of summer vacation. (And as you might guess from his cake, he really likes Spiderman!)

Sophia adores her baby sister and is a huge help around the house, especially with folding laundry. She's enjoying practicing piano and learning Arabic with Emily this summer.

Sarah is sweet, smiley, and doing great! She loves time with her "big sibs" and is cooing, smiling and kicking. She turned 3 months yesterday :)



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