



NORTH AMERICA & OCEANIA

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CrossRoads

- **Francophone Africa:** We will be hosting a **conference in May** for the region's CrossRoads leadership and interested National leadership. Pray for encouragement for all involved and for good, practical next steps for CrossRoads in each country.

- **Columbia:** In the beginning of June we're planning three potential Trainings in Columbia. The first one is a Training of Trainers; the second a regular Teachers Training. Afterwards, we are hoping to have a Teachers Training for school principals and superintendents from 20-40 schools! We are excited to have a training with such an influential group! Please be praying: (1) that all the necessary translations will be done accurately and before the trainings; (2) for good

communication between the all the trainers and during the conference; (3) for all the technology [computers, video projection unit, etc.] to work perfectly; (4) for God to protect all the trainers and participants from any distractions or hindrances that would prevent them from attending; and (4) that, at all levels, everyone will catch the vision and importance of CrossRoads, not only in Columbia but throughout the Spanish-speaking areas of South America.

StoryRunners:

- **Today (April 28)** the Jula language is in week two of its School of Storying in Burkina Faso. The Ffulde language is also in week two in northeast Benin. Pray for our travel teams as they lead the nationals through this process. Pray for the people among these language groups who will hear God's stories in their mother tongue for the first time! Pray for the birth of many story groups and many new churches.
- Our demand is surpassing our supply. Ask the Lord of the Harvest for more workers! We need **10 more trainers** to either volunteer or join the staff in order to serve on our travel teams, so that more Schools of Storying can be completed each year.
- **StoryWave Training**, led by StoryRunners' spokesperson Nancy Wilson, teaches people to use Bible storying to connect with the hearts of people in evangelism, discipleship, and short-term missions. They learn how to bridge THEIR story to HIS story. Pray for those trained recently by Nancy in Uganda, Israel and Oman, as well as Jacksonville Cru City, that the stories of God will bear much fruit. Pray for future StoryWave trainings in Israel, Egypt, and other campus and community ministries, including STINT teams.

AUSTRALIA

- **CCCA:** We praise God for how He has guided us through our **branding process** in changing our name. Praise Him for the many suggestions submitted and for the final options now on the table. Pray for our Branding Task Force as they progress this process. May the Lord's wisdom be upon them throughout the remaining steps. Pray for God's favour for us as an organisation as we desire to make a decision in May.
- **Youth Ministries Australia:** Praise God for the 320 high school students who gave their lives to Jesus through the Schools Ministry in 2014 (Australia's academic year). As we move through 2015, pray that would **see another great year** of high school students' lives changing and also multiplying in 2015.
- **GAiN Australia:** God continues to do amazing things through GAiN Australia. Praise God for more than 1,000 people to whom we ministered in the Philippines and the many new Christians God raised up through this mission. Yet, a great need for GAiN Australia is **administrative help** to ensure the missions continue to happen. Pray for God to raise up within the next 12 months, two full-time

missionaries to serve in key administrative roles. Pray for the provision of 15 people to serve on each of the upcoming **Medical Mission trips** (May 2-17 in Cambodia and September 7-20 in India.) Finally, pray for God's provision of a suitable **office with warehouse space** within the budget to become available the second half of this year.

- **Student Life** (universities): Praise God for the abundant fruit we are seeing as we start out 2015! We have already seen many students receive Christ; new Key Volunteers have stepped up in Perth where we are pioneering; and students are owning the work God has called them to do on their campuses. Pray that more students would walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, share their faith, and trust the results to God. Pray that the Lord would provide the remaining people by June to launch a **new team in Perth** in 2016.

CANADA (Power to Change) (P2C)

- GAIN: Please pray for our **Water For Life Initiative** (WFLI) programs in Togo and Tanzania. We have been working with the respective governments in both countries over the past year to renew the VAT tax and import duties exemptions for well drilling supplies that we have to ship in. Please pray for favour with the governments and that our Country Managers would be able to secure renewal of these exemptions. Our staff on the field, in the frontlines, are in constant spiritual battle. Please pray that God would give courage to His workers to overcome these battles so that we can continue to help provide both clean water and the Living water of Jesus Christ to the needy people that we are privileged to serve.
- Power to Change – Students: Please pray through Matthew 9:35-38 for the Student Ministry of P2C. Pray that God would **use the Canadian campus ministry to send labourers** into His mission fields who are growing in Spirit-filled living, engaging others in gospel conversations, and inspiring others to do the same.
- The Life Project: Please pray that our **partnerships with churches via the Digital Doorway** strategy would flourish and bear much fruit. Pray that even more people would respond to our online content and connect with online mentors, and that God would change their lives for eternity. Also pray that we would have new stories to tell online--that people would be willing to be vulnerable and open to telling their stories of how God is helping them through their issues, so others can hear how God has worked in their life, and engage to ask about how God can help them, too.

NEW ZEALAND (Tandem)

- The lease for our **training and leadership facility** in Auckland is expiring. We are in the process of investigating another facility that would enhance our staff and ministries in making disciples. Would you please be in prayer as we steward this opportunity to find the ideal facility to help our ministry grow?
- We are kicking off our **Emerging Leaders Initiative** in May and would appreciate prayer as we prepare for it, and that it would be a blessing to the attendees as they gain valuable leadership training/skills.
- Also be in prayer that anyone who comes to Christ with us this year would remain in the faith. We are aiming to have more than **50% remaining fruit** at the end of the year.

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

- Prayer for the rebuilding of **Vanuatu**, which was devastated in March by Cyclone Pam. Pray for the students involved with Cru there - that they would be able to share with those they know and the Lord would provide them resources and opportunities.
- Pray for **ministry partner development** for all of our Pacific Islands staff. Pray that the Lord would provide amazing prayer and resource partners! (Praise the Lord for our new staff members who are working on building their teams!)
- Pray for **partnerships** for the Pacific Islands region and that the Lord would provide new stinters and staff!

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Cru)

Athletes in Action

- Pray for **spiritual growth** of all the athletes and coaches who travel around the world or attend one of our camps or projects.
- Pray about raising up of **new student leaders to open up new campuses**.
- Pray about the sending of three new AIA **STINT teams** around the world this fall.

Cru Campus

2020 Goal: *Believing God for more than a million followers of Jesus committed to making disciples and changing the world together* (Acts 1:8). Pray about these categories of strategies and tactics:

- Developing **movement accelerators through digital strategies and transferable W-B-S resources**:
 - Build and support digital platforms that connect, match and equip more than a million believers (especially like-minded and unengaged) in W-B-S ministry.
 - Develop contextually appropriate resources that support leaders committed to launching and building movements.
 - Raise up leaders and laborers to move digital strategies forward in every region and ministry.
- Engaging our movements and ministry partners in **the catalyst of mission-focused intercession**:
 - Identify key leaders for a national prayer emphasis.
 - Encourage and cultivate local tactics that support a national prayer strategy.
 - Develop tools to mobilize and encourage students and staff in prayer.
- Launching and building **sustainable movements that are focused on W-B-S**:
 - Continue to develop and refine tactics, training and tools that reinforce our W-B-S DNA yet honor the many contexts in which we do ministry.
 - Reinforce and build on a culture of apostolic leadership - coaching and equipping students and other volunteer stakeholders to lead local ministries.
 - Assess and strengthen support systems needed to assure sustainability (Operations, Fund Development, Leadership Development).
- Building **a multi-ethnic/multi-cultural organization** that fully reflects the glory of God as represented by the diversity of our scope:
 - Develop relational bridges among the national ethnic expressions of the campus ministry (Epic, Destino, Impact, Nations, KCCC, Bridges, Design and Cru) through shared communication streams, stories and conference branding.
 - Develop alternate funding models that sustain both individuals (MPD) and various ministry contexts (allocation and development).
 - Expand the pool of staff from all ethnic backgrounds and equip/prepare current staff for higher levels of leadership.
 - Embrace a learning posture related to culture and ethnicity.
- Opening the organization for increased involvement and sharing of strategic resources with **stakeholders/volunteers and partners** in the mission:
 - Develop and pursue tactics that engage ministry partners, churches and other like-minded believers in W-B-S ministry.
 - Align and engage “in-house” (Cru-related) partners via shared tactics and increased communications.

Bridges International:

- Pray for those working on the “**EveryInternational Initiative**,” a cooperative digital strategy effort with nine other organizations working to reach international students. The purpose is to help equip additional volunteers in our churches and the marketplace to join the labor force of reaching the over one million international students in America.
- Ask God to give us wisdom and favor in reaching those who have come to us from the **Middle East**. These students have come in increasing numbers due to a special scholarship program, and we are uncertain how long this unique and strategic opportunity will last.

- Pray for increased momentum in reaching **Chinese** and **South Asian** students in America. We need the Spirit's guidance in ministering to these two cultural audiences. Pray for fruitfulness among these future leaders; pray also that those who return to their homelands this summer as believers in Christ will take the gospel with them.

Cru High School:

- Please pray that God would **work mightily through Cru's high school ministry** to bring Jesus to the world's 531 million high school students and middle school students, build them in their faith, and send them to the nations.
- Please pray that God would raise up **50 new staff, interns, and STINTers to join us by September.**
- Please pray that God would multiply missional team leaders to help us **staff key locations and take new ground.**

FamilyLife

- Ask God's favor upon our **outreaches**: FLT programs, events (live and hosted), digital outreaches, resources, and Global.
- We are in the process of making plans for the **Blended and Blessed Summit** for next year. We are still praying for a date and location to be secured soon.
- Pray for both the written and audio development of **Passport2Identity**. This product will be released with separate editions for young men and young women

Cru Inner City

- Pray for **expansion efforts** to open up new cities, serving among the poor, both in the US and internationally.
- Lift up in prayer our 2015 **AIA and Inner City projects** for boys from the inner city.
- Pray we will see **ethnic staff members, interns and volunteers** join our movement.

The JESUS Film Project

- Praise God for the **1,322 language versions of JESUS**. Pray staff members in the studio will know how to keep up with the many requests for new versions of the film and related products.
- Pray we can find **people who can accurately translate** the *JESUS* film script for language groups having little to no exposure to Christianity.
- The JESUS Film Project has developed **digital tools** to help reach the media savvy. These tools also benefit those in areas hard to reach due to geography or government and religious restrictions. Pray millions will be reached with the gospel through these digital tools.

Josh McDowell Ministry

- To challenge the intellectual skepticism of young people who are leaving the church, JMM has developed the **Heroic Truth Experience**, involving Josh and Sean McDowell in a series of intergenerational events intended to equip youth and their influencers. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on the **HTE** so that lives are transformed and Christians are able to live, defend and share their faith.
- To combat the pervasive onslaught of pornography in our nation and the world, JMM is planning a **Set Free Conference** in April 2016. Please be in prayer that the Lord will guide and direct the planning, logistics, agenda, speakers, participants and resources so that His agenda is carried out, and the power of pornography over people's lives is broken.
- For our **Global Publishing** department, please pray for health and safety for staff in areas where ISIS is active, that we reach people through creative and strategic technological advances in digital publishing and for success in getting resources published and distributed in areas where Christian literature is not welcome. Give thanks for our donors who generously provide the funds for the translation, printing and distribution of books.

Cru Military

- Pray for the Lord to guide us as we receive many requests to travel and share the gospel message and biblical leadership principles to the military members in nations with challenging situations such as Russia, Ukraine, Honduras, New Zealand and Kenya. Pray for our **International Military Ministry** Staff and volunteers to be effective in leading discipleship sessions as well as helping recovery from Post Traumatic Stress and the secondary effects suffered by family members. Pray for peace in areas of instability.
- Please pray for a spirit of unity in accordance with John 17:21 "... that they may all be one ..." as our Cru Military National Team advances the gospel to the US military at our **Gateway ministries** (located in San Diego, CA; San Antonio, TX; Great Lakes, IL; Parris Island, SC; Ft Benning, GA; and Ft Jackson, SC); operational locations (National Capital Region; Hampton Roads, VA; San Antonio, TX; Ft Bragg, NC; Pensacola, FL; Phoenix, AZ; Monterey, CA; and Ft Hood, TX); and ministries at the US Air Force and US Naval Academies.
- Pray for **successful integration and growth opportunities** for key strategies regarding Women's Ministry, Marriage/Family, and PTSD/Community Mobilization efforts. We are asking the Lord to expand our territory for the sake of the gospel and to give us favor as we seek strategic partnerships with chaplains, military-friendly churches, and military parachurch organizations around the country.

New Life Resources

- Pray that *New Life Resources*, the publishing and materials distribution ministry of Cru, can **effectively serve and support** the ministries and individual staff members of Cru, as well as churches and individual Christian believers, through the tools, strategies and resources needed to help build spiritual movements.
- Pray for **continued refinement of the website** (www.crustore.org) for the public, with a special staff-only "members area," which will make it easy to discover and acquire ministry tools that will enhance effective ministry for all believers with a heart for the Great Commission. We are transitioning to a stable new eCommerce platform with numerous improved features that will serve you better.
- That **marketing strategies** will be successful in identifying quality Christian prospects and cultivating long-term relationships, so those we serve look to Cru as the best place to find the materials they need to accomplish whatever form of ministry God has placed on their hearts.