Prayer and Praise:

Adonis, Aidan and Jenny

Three weeks ago a group of students from Cornell and SUNY Cortland attended the Cru NEXT Conference where they were equipped to think well about their steps after college and if Cru might be a place God is leading them to invest a year or two of their lives. Please pray for Jenny, Adonis and Aidan as they consider the opportunity to intern with Cru at SUNY Cortland in the coming years. We would love to have them join our team but are behind them wherever God leads!

Keep Praying!

Thanks for praying for the students we mentioned last month who have stepped out of the Mormon church and are currently exploring Christianity. We’ve had some fantastic times with them and it’s evident God is on the move in their lives. Please pray that they see Jesus for who He is, revealed in the Bible, by the Holy Spirit, and in Christians they meet.

Together for the Gospel

It was a rare and beautiful moment. This past Saturday, Cornell, Ithaca College and SUNY Cortland gathered together to hangout and tailgate at the biggest division three football game in all the country...

Cortaca! Ithaca College is at the beginning stages of launching a Cru Movement and they’ve got some stellar students who are part of the servant leadership team. Those students, along with our Cornell staff team and SUNY Cortland students spent the morning eating together, playing together, and freezing our butts off... together! From the outside it looked like any other tailgate, but at the heart was a demonstration of the Gospel bringing students together across rivalries, for the Gospel.

The picture below is a group of our SUNY Cortland students at an apple picking and cider making event form a few weeks ago. This semester deep relationship are forming during events like these and we’re so thankful for the privilege we have to gather.
Cru SUNY Cortland Real Talk

Real Talk is what we call our weekly Thursday night large group meeting at SUNY Cortland. **In all of my years at SUNY Cortland, this has been one of the most encouraging in terms of the number of students showing up as well as the topics we’re digging into each week.** We have been incredibly blessed to have a team of local pastors and a professor who is our Cru academic advisor come alongside the Movement and shepherd the students through the teaching of the Word. At the beginning of the year I asked each speaker to choose their favorite chapter in the book, “Gentle and Lowly,” to form a message from and to share with the students. The talks have been incredibly rich and we’ve seen students grasp the Gospel and the person of Jesus in undeniable ways. And just last week we were able to give all of our students ESV study Bibles as a way to bless them and fan into flame the love for God's Word that has been so evident in their lives. The Bibles were purchased through funds received from those who partner with the ministry financially... thank you!!!

On the Home Front

The Fall is birthday season for our crew. Christy, Max, myself, Jack and Tessa all have birthdays in the fall and the picture to the left is Jack with some of his best buddies (and our neighbors!), Zak and Luke Eshelman at his 14th Bday party.

To the right is a picture of (half of) the Classical Conversations Homeschool Community. It’s been a great year so far as well as a difficult one with so many families being affected by Covid. Each week it’s uncertain how many families will show up but we’ve been grateful that God continues to bond families together and provide a great environment of learning for all the kids. At right is a picture of Max (left) and Charlie (right) dressed up as Poseidon and Neptune!