

## A Year in Review

God has given us an incredible year. As we think about the past twelve months, we are praising Him for what He has allowed us to see and do. Walk with us as we look back and give thanks to the Lord for what He has done in our lives and in the lives of students!



### Leaving Nalchik

In December 2007, we returned to the U.S. after working with Muslim students in Nalchik, Russia for a year and a half. During our time there, we saw six students place their faith in Christ, mostly from Muslim backgrounds!

Though it was so hard to leave our friends, we rejoice as we continue to hear news of students from Nalchik coming to know Jesus and growing in their faith. Praise God with us for what He continues to do in Nalchik!

### New Staff Training

In January 2008, we joined the long-term staff of Campus Crusade for Christ after our internship in Russia. We went through six weeks of New Staff Training where we heard vision from Campus Crusade leadership, took seminary classes and received ministry training.

We're so grateful to the Lord for using this time to better equip us for ministry. Even in our first semester here in St. Louis, we have used so many things that we learned there. Thank you for investing in us and our ministry through this time of training!



### Moving to St. Louis

The Lord proved Himself to be such a faithful provider through our six months of financial ministry partner development! We were blessed to be able to report to our assignment by August.

We packed up all our stuff in a U-haul and headed to a new city, a new team, and new campuses! The Lord gave us a great home in Edwardsville, Illinois, just two miles from one of the main campuses we work on.



## Our First Weeks on Campus

Our first few weeks of ministry were a whirlwind of meeting students. One way we found spiritually interested students was to set up a table at one of the busiest spots on campus and invite students to fill out a spiritual interest survey.

At our three schools combined, we surveyed over 1,000 students and set up many follow-up evangelistic appointments! Since that time, God has provided great teams of student leaders on our campuses committed to reaching others for Christ!



Adam, an SIUE student, surveys a freshman

## Training Leaders

One of our priorities on campus is training leaders who will be able to train others. This fall, we invited 100 student leaders from the St. Louis metro area to a leadership training weekend to be trained in things like evangelism, discipleship, how to lead a Bible study, and how to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cristina is a freshman who, toward the middle of the semester, approached Abbie and said, "I want to do what you do on campus. Could you train me in how to share my faith?" Praise God for students like Cristina!!

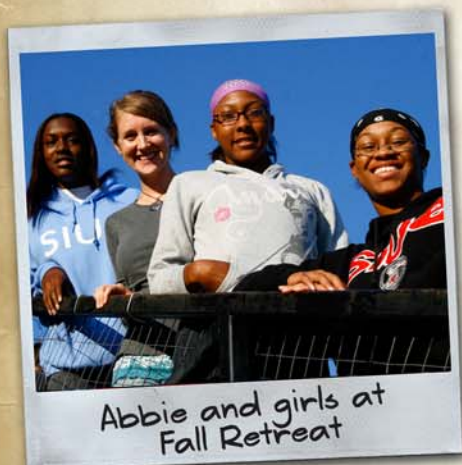


Guy Bible study leaders

## Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat was one of the highlights of our semester! Around 400 students from the St. Louis area gathered to hear Bible teaching, spend personal time with God, and have fun! 30 students from our campuses came to the retreat, including five non-believers who heard the Gospel for the first time!

A few of the non-believers who heard the Gospel were international students. We continue to see open doors with other internationals—please pray for this!



Abbie and girls at Fall Retreat

## Sharing Our Faith

It has been so encouraging to see students taking the initiative to share their faith with others. Through personal evangelism and larger-scale outreaches, we've seen 15 students from our schools indicate decisions to place their faith in Christ.

Christine, Maggie, Celia, MacKenzie, Stephon, Jason, Adam, and Kovante are just a few of the students who have given their lives to Christ. Please pray for them to grow in their love for Jesus, and pray for us as we continue to meet with them.



Students doing an outreach at SIUE

Thank you for your partnership in reaching lost students for Christ! Your prayers and financial support make it possible for us to invest in students' lives. We are mindful of your sacrificial giving, and thank the Lord for you often. We serve a great God and are expectant of His continued work!

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