



Dear Ministry Partner,

We are back and filled to the brim with passion to connect families to Christ! Our staff conference in Colorado was an incredible, indescribable experience so we thought we would let these pictures do the talking.



Francis Chan was our opening speaker. He talked about our responsibility as followers of Jesus to individually seek the Lord and His specific call on our life. He believes the church of America is on the verge of a major spiritual awakening! Francis is the author of *Erasing Hell*, *Crazy Love*, and *The Forgotten God*.



Worshiping and praying with 5,000 fellow missionaries. POWERFUL!

Dennis Rainey, President of FamilyLife, encouraged us all to be “Home Builders” to help all individuals and families build their homes on the solid rock of Jesus Christ! Dennis wants YOU to be a Home Builder.



Steve Douglass, president of Campus Crusade/Cru, encouraged us all to focus on the mission, reaching all people for Christ!



David Platt closed out our conference with an inspiring message. We have an urgent mission before us, to share the beautiful gospel message with the entire world. David is the author of the popular book *Radical: Taking Back your Faith from the American Dream*.



Vonette Bright widow of Bill Bright founder of Campus Crusade, celebrated her 85th Birthday.

Praises and Prayers

Praise: For a safe and spiritually uplifting trip to the Campus Crusade US staff conference in Fort Collins Colorado.

Praise: God for the financial support that he has raised through our ministry partners. Pray that God will quickly direct us to the remaining support we require to report to the ministry headquarters.

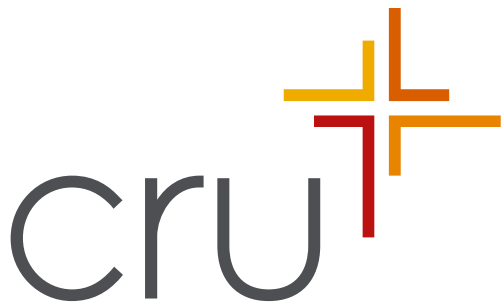
Pray: That we will have at least 20 couples sign-up with our group to attend the Weekend to Remember in St. Louis in November. Pray and see if God is leading you to attend or to invite couples to join you.

Pray: That God will continue to transform marriages and families through FamilyLife.



Campus Crusade for Christ is Becoming Cru
Read our insert for more information.

Nathan & Jennifer



New name: Read more from the insert.

Two events coming to **St. Louis**

FAMILYLIFE presents
the art of **marriage**™

Gateway Christian Church

1951 Des Peres Road,
Town and Country, MO 63131

Friday August 26, 7:00-9:30pm
Saturday August 27, 9:00am-4:00pm

Registration: \$40/couple
314-821-2156 or tom@gccstl.org
www.theartofmarriage.com



Weekend to Remember
November 4-6
The Ritz-Carlton
St. Louis, MO

Visit our website to receive 50% off of the registration fee. If you are a financial ministry partner, contact us and we can help you save even more!

It's easy to contact us, visit
www.njwalker.com



Lucas Climbs a Mountain

When Lucas heard we were going to Colorado, all he wanted to do was climb a mountain...so on our free day we headed into Rocky Mountain National Park. We found a family trail and went hiking. Lucas was amazed at how BIG the rocks were. To him, he was climbing a mountain.

Allison Makes a Friend

After picking Allison up from her first day at Kids Camp, we found out that there was a little girl, Irene, in her class that was very upset to leave her mom. Allison's teacher told us that she did not leave Irene's side all day. Allison told us, "I tried holding her hand to make her feel better. Finally, at the end of the day she held my hand! Mom, I think she likes me!"



The Spectacular View

All day as we drove through the mountains, we were reminded of God's Spectacular Creation! The kids both kept saying things like, "Thank You God for making all this for us!" and "God is so strong, He can make BIG things!"



Campus Crusade for Christ is becoming Cru

This month at that Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) US Staff Conference in Ft. Collins CO, CCC VP Steve Sellers announced that in early 2012 CCC will be changing its name to "Cru". This change is being made because the words "Campus" and "Crusade" in the current name are creating barriers to the fulfillment of our mission to reach the world for Christ.

"Campus" confuses those who interact with parts of CCC (like FamilyLife) not dealing with college students. Over the years, "Crusade" has come to be more associated with the Middle Ages than with the evangelistic crusades that were so prevalent when CCC was formed in 1951. In fact, research shows that 1 in 5 people approached for a spiritual conversation lose interest when they hear the name of the organization is Campus Crusade for Christ.

Some in the media have tried to imply that CCC leadership is seeking to distance itself from Christ with this name change. We agree that Christian organizations must not back away from their allegiance to Christ and the centrality of the gospel. Cru has not wavered in their commitment to Christ or their willingness to stand for Him. **The mission of CCC/Cru has been and will always be the fulfillment of the Great Commission to make disciples of Christ from all nations.**

As for removing Christ from their name, Cru addressed the question in the following statement:

We were not trying to eliminate the word Christ from our name. We were looking for a name that would most effectively serve our mission and help us take the gospel to the world. Our mission has not changed. Cru enables us to have discussions about Christ with people who might initially be turned off by a more overtly Christian name. We believe that our interaction and our communication with the world will be what ultimately honors and glorifies Christ."

Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade, considered changing the name 20-25 years ago, according to Vonette Bright. The ministry has grown way beyond a campus ministry, but the name still gives that impression.

This name change **does not mean that FamilyLife will be changing its name.** If you are supporting us financially, you may continue to make checks payable to Campus Crusade for Christ. Those of you giving by electronic means, you do not need to change anything. You may see more information over the next several months on this change.

Please know that the name change was not made lightly, but was bathed in prayer over time. "Cru" is a nickname that has been used for years. The change does not alter the mission and focus of the ministry. Cru will continue with evangelism and Christian outreaches to the world.

If you have additional questions, feel free to visit the Cru FAQs web site at:
<http://www.ccci.org>

Thank you for your prayers and support.