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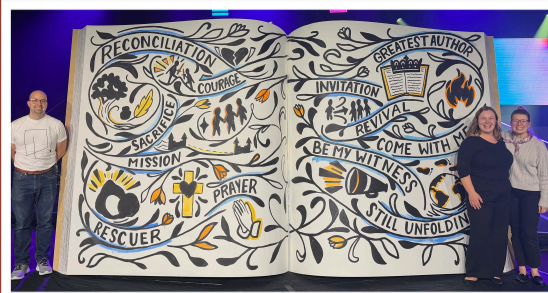
*Building spiritual movements in the Twin Cities and the Upper Midwest,  
so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus*

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for Brayden and the 15 other students who put their faith in Christ during Winter Conference. We rejoice that so many students who don't yet know Jesus would choose to attend the conference. May many more spiritually open students be drawn into our movements this semester and choose to move from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.
- Bethany and her team are launching into application evaluation season. The Lord is drawing higher numbers of students to apply to Intern with Cru than in past years. This is exciting, but it means there are a lot more applications to thoughtfully evaluate. May God provide the needed wisdom, time, and laborers to do this work!

The ballroom doors fly open and 812 college students rush past one another to claim their favorite seat. For four days the student band lead us to the throne room to worship, our main speakers challenged us through God's Word, and seminars developed us in spiritual areas such as prayer, relationships, and evangelism.

One huge highlight was partnering with local churches to share the gospel in their local communities. This story about the day was shared as a student named Brayden stepped on stage next to his friend Evan and said: "I was sitting in the service in the ballroom here today and it was so moving and the music was moving and I thought 'I can't live another day without being a believer in Christ. I couldn't live another day without having my sins forgiven or the weight of my problems just on me alone.' So on the way to our outreach site I turned to Evan over here and said 'I want to become a believe in Christ today' and so...now I'm a believer!" The whole ballroom stood up and cheered for Brayden! We're pretty sure the angels in heaven joined the party. Our staff and students got to see 90 other people trust Christ during the Day of Outreach, how incredibly exciting!



**Creating dramas and set pieces, like this 9 foot tall book and the "Joy" set above, is a fun part of Bethany's role planning and running what happens in the ballroom.**

On the last night of the conference, students are invited to share any commitments they felt led to make during the event. 16 students indicated that they accepted Christ while attending, 102 decided to go on a summer mission trip, and 14 are feeling led to do at least a year of full time ministry! We are so excited to think about the impact these 812 students will have as they head back to campus. Thank you for investing in the lives of college students with us!

## On a Personal Note

Winter break was surprisingly restful. We had a lot of good time together and our Christmas celebration on both sides of the family was lovely. We all enjoyed being a part of Winter Conference. Lincoln turned 13 on the 5th; it hardly seems possible. Juliet's start to the new semester has not been without bumps, but she is continuing to persevere and is no longer asking to switch classrooms. Her last gymnastics competition of the season is at the end of the month and Lincoln is deep into his indoor soccer season.

