

The De Guzman @ Cru HQ



Newsletter

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Cru22 - Part 2

The Lord took us for a spin. While traveling to Milwaukee, we got Covid, and we missed attending the Still Water's retreat. Our three children were disappointed, to put it mildly, because they were looking forward to attending the retreat and seeing their friends. But God had another plan. He provided a small cabin at the KOA, a camping ground, that we stayed in for 7 days. The cabin was heaven sent. We got the rest we needed, and the place was a refuge to spend unhurried time with God. We were able to have an unplanned family retreat, all by ourselves in the wilderness. God surely knew what we needed during that time. As a result, God healed us, and we were able to attend Cru22. Thank you for praying for us. He surely heard your prayers.

During our Cru22 conference in Milwaukee, our main speakers affirmed and encouraged us to love God, love our neighbors and to preach the gospel to all people. The focus was missions. We have a world to reach out and share the gospel. Our strategies are to **Win people for Christ, Build them in their faith, and Send them into the nations**, with the power of the Spirit thus helping to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) in our generation.

We were challenged to love God and walk with Him faithfully. A lot of the time was given to prayers for the world, especially the need for more workers for the harvest field (Matthew 9:37 -38). There was even a time to pray for Ukraine. The Ukraine Cru country director came to share what was happening in his country and ministry. The hardships, the total devastation of his land, families being torn apart because of the war. In spite of these he shared people are accepting Jesus. To hear Christians boldly proclaiming the gospel and relationships being restored. What a powerful time it was. It brought tears to all of us who were there.

Heather and I were personally refreshed to walk humbly with God and challenged to be missional in our approaches to life here in the US. Hearing those messages and people from all over the world reminded us to be obedient to our calling as missionaries for Christ and gave us more desire to be faithful to the vision that God has for us.

Prayer Nuggets

"My prayer life is in constant need of God's grace. I yearn to talk to Him, but at the same time I feel dry. I know God is constantly reminding me that He desires me, not necessarily because of what I do for Him, but because of His love for me. There are moments when I feel He really loves me, and I attempt to hold on to that love for me longer than what He wants me to experience. When I see myself doing that, God reminds me that it is not the experience per se that I need but what I really need is Him, His presence in my life."

Please pray for Aidan 12th grade, Elijah 11th grade and Audrey 7th grade, that they will walk with God faithfully. Aidan as he applies for scholarships for College next year. Elijah to use his knowledge on coding. Audrey as she enters her teenage year.

Pray for Heather as she juggles her responsibilities homeschooling Audrey, and doing Digital ministry at Cru.

Again, **THANK YOU** for your continued financial and prayer support.