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SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

DEAR FRIENDS OF CRF,

Greetings from Moscow (Idaho)! These indeed are interesting times. We're approaching the two-year mark of covid-mania. We're still unable to meet on the UI campus. Of course, we're taking this as from the hand of God. In Acts 16, Paul was forbidden by the Spirit to preach the word in Asia. God had other work for Paul to do. So, this hasn't discouraged us. We believe we have a good strategy for outreach at the UI and we'll be ready to implement it when the doors swing open, but until then, we need to be faithful where we have opportunity. This past year we've focused on teaching and training the students who are currently in-house.

Here's a summary of our weekly activities...

WEEKLY MEETING

We've re-located our weekly meeting to the New Saint Andrews north campus building (formerly Cadillac Jack's). It's great that we're meeting for Bible study and fellowship in a building that used to be a sleazy bar. This has been a

good central location for us. Our content continues to focus on building and equipping students to be culture changers. One of the blessings of crazy times is that there is no lack of opportunity to stand firm for the truth, and no shortage of real-life examples as a contrast to a sound biblical worldview. If things open up in the fall we'll start another weekly meeting, specifically for UI students on campus. This meeting will include a free meal with an optional Bible study following. Unchurched students will be our primary focus so the Bible study will be pretty basic and yet controversial because everything surrounding the truth of the Gospel is now controversial.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Our small groups have been very healthy this year. Our student leadership has been excellent (both guys and gals). This year we're studying the epistle of James. Our student leaders are hosting 12 small groups, with close to 100 participants.





Training and mentoring the students leaders continues to be a delight for Laurie and me. It's a privilege to spend time with these young'uns during a very formative time in their lives. While they're learning to lead Bible studies with their peers, they're also learning sound Bible study methods which they'll hopefully carry with them into their future years.

PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

I have between 15 and 20 one-on-one meetings with college guys each week. They vary from a ten-minute check in to an hour-long counseling session. Every young buck has his own unique personality and circumstances, but there's nothing unique about what they need: wisdom. Beyond working through the typical young man issues (honoring parents, laziness, self-control, pride), I've found an excellent book written just for young men: *Solomon Says* by Mark Horne. I've found this a great tool for challenging discussions and accountability with these young men.

GRATITUDE FOR CO-WORKERS

Aaron Ventura is wrapping his third year as my full-time coworker with CRF. Aaron has been indispensable in bringing CRF into the twenty-first century. As a social media wizard, he has increased our reach tremendously. This

has been even more vital since the covid shut down. Along with the social media, Aaron also plans and leads our weekly meeting. This has been a great blessing to me, freeing me up to focus more on discipleship and small groups.



To those of you who pray for us and support us financially, thank you very much. We're grateful for your involvement with us. Please pray with us that the University of Idaho will open up fully soon. Thanks!

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