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"I have missed these gatherings so much. The pandemic has felt so isolating, especially relating to others who understand our life/ministry culture. I cannot say enough good things about how I feel from this gathering and look forward to future ones." That's what one staff member had to say about our recent Staff Gathering. Between an organizational restructure and a global pandemic it has been about 4 years since our staff have been able to gather together in this way. One of our leaders said it felt like a healing balm for the soul.

The weekend before Thanksgiving I had the pleasure of leading the operational side of the Staff Gathering conference for Cru staff in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. We spent 2 days enjoying sunny Hilton Head Island, while connecting with each other and the Lord. I left feeling refreshed and encouraged in my calling to see college students reached for the Gospel. Even though I live in Indiana, it felt really special to be serving at a conference with the team that sent me off into the mission field. We heard countless stories of how God had been at work this past semester.

One of my favorite stories came from the Tampa team who shared about a student who had been practicing witchcraft. A staff member from the Tampa team had begun to meet with this student earlier in the semester and through meeting, overtime, was able to share the Gospel. The student responded by placing her faith and trust in Christ. Just a few short weeks ago she invited that staff member to help her get rid of all her old witchcraft paraphernalia. How incredible is God to chase after the hearts of students?!

By helping to create a space for these staff to meet with the Lord, they are able to go back to campus recharged and ready to continue engaging with students. As my team heads into our busiest season of the year, I'm thankful for the reminder that what we do has an eternal impact. What you do as my ministry partner has an eternal

...praying and wondering if you can read someone's mind there are only ways to come praying.



Left: Jackson Hole Summer Mission mini staff reunion at Staff Gathering

Right top: GA and SC staff worshipping // Right bottom: All of the Florida staff

Pray + Praise

- Pray for my family and I as we navigate the grief of losing loved ones
- Pray for our upcoming Indy Winter Conference
- Praise the Lord for a successful Staff Gathering!
- Praise the Lord for being in Florida for the holidays!

Want Prayer? I would love to hear more about how you're doing and how I can