



Dirke (left) had the privilege this past week of ministering to more than 100 new missionaries joining Cru staff. He led two interactive sessions that helped them understand the importance of spiritual growth and that the road to the mission is through our hearts.

The greatest resistance to the Gospel is not from the Evil One in the world, but it is the resistance we wrestle with in our own hearts to daily apply the Gospel (God's love, forgiveness, grace & transforming power of the Holy Spirit).

One of the significant roles that Dirke carries out is equipping, training and sending out new missionaries to thrive spiritually in living out the Gospel as well as effectively sharing God's love and forgiveness in Christ with people who don't know Christ. Below are just a few stories of what God has been doing in recent months through our missionaries.

Boxes of Love . . . a Story of Hope

Last month Dirke spent two days ministering to Cru's Nat'l Inner City Exec. team. Our inner-city ministry trains church members to share the Gospel and provide boxes of love (food to feed a family of 4) as an outreach tool.

After the training at a church in the heart of Chicago, Jamie met George, and they began talking. George shared with Jamie that he had just been released from jail after serving time for a felony conviction. This gave Jamie the opportunity to share her own story. She had also been in jail for a felony, but Christ had given her hope and new life. She was excited and amazed that she was able to share her testimony and that God could use her past to encourage someone else.

Jamie led George through the gospel, and he put his faith in Jesus Christ. God used Jamie, her story, and a Box of Love to draw George to Himself.

An Inside Job—Reaching the Police in Honduras

Otto was studying at the Inter-American Defense College in Washington, D.C. when he met Cru Military staff member Rodolfo Interiano. Rodolfo began discipleship with Otto.

Nearly a year later, Otto returned to Honduras as a city Director of Police. He organized an evangelistic outreach and as a result, there are new believers and discipleship groups in this city.

In January, 2018, he was promoted to a national responsibility and lives in the capital city, Tegucigalpa. Under his leadership, the first thing everyone in his police division does before leaving for duty daily is to pray and ask God for direction and protection. He and Rodolfo are planning outreaches and trainings with the National Police this summer.

Cru Military helps military and police officers come to know Jesus personally, grow in their faith, and return to their countries to tell others about Him.

More Than Physical Relief is Brought to Puerto Rico

Students at Maria Mendoza High School flocked to the gazebo outside their school to meet the "mainlanders." The mainlanders were part of a Cru mission's team to Puerto Rico, bringing hurricane relief and the gospel to high schools.

Initially, the team waited in the gazebo for clearance to visit students in English classes. A beautiful mural painted on the ground captured the attention of one of the staff women, Deborah. She prayed, "Lord, I'd love to meet the artist."

God not only allowed Deborah to meet the artist, but made a way for the artist to meet Christ. Kat, the artist, began to attend some of the Cru events, but only as an interpreter for a friend. During one event, Kat ended up in a group co-led by Deborah. When the "Connecting with God" booklet was explained, it became clear that some of the students did not understand that salvation is a "gift from God." Kat had never heard that before.

As the event ended, the team leader invited any student who wanted to know Christ and make Him known on the campus to sign his or her name on a piece of paper. To everyone's surprise, 12 students signed their names—including Kat. Since then, with the help of church partnerships in the area, Kat has been growing in her faith alongside 30 other students, whom God also miraculously touched with His love that week.

- Lorna spent a few days with our 3 girls and 6 grandchildren (at right) celebrating Alyssa's birthday (our daughters left to right: Briana, Alyssa and Danelle).
- Pray for Dirke's mom, Evelyn. She had a 2nd stroke and her health has deteriorated.
- Dirke is teaching an online Missions class to Cru staff this summer & is discipling a youth pastor in Orlando in addition to his Cru activities.
- Dirke and Lorna will be in the Twin Cities (July 12-30) and Detroit (Aug. 1-10).
- Listen (1min.) to Lorna w/Pres. Steve Douglass share about deepening her faith, cut & paste into your browser to hear: <http://www.makingyourlifecountradio.com/>



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