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God executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the foreigner by giving him food and clothing. So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. Deuteronomy 10:18, 19

This past week I (Scott) went to Orlando to join with 40 students to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving recently arrived refugees. Cru students came from across the US to live out the great commandment. The program was a balance between seminars on how to serve refugees and hands on experience with them.



Sunday we had a welcome picnic; sharing a meal and hospitality with 20 families of new arrivals to Orlando.

The rest of the week we visited these families in their homes; helping orient them to life in America, tutoring them in English language skills, and, most of all, being a friendly voice and a light for the gospel.

Mary and I have led many student projects like this and we know that often they end up being a life changing experience for students. The testimonies of students on this project were encouraging as many gained a vision for being a life long disciple. One student shared:

“Well this is farewell friends! it has been an honor, joy, and a privilege to serve alongside and build friendship with you all this week! we have loved getting to do life together with you this week, laugh together, cry together, enter into the beautiful lives of foreigners together! This trip will be one for the memory books! thanks to each of you for trusting the Lord with your spring break and for making this trip SO special! we miss you already!”



I (Mary) am really enjoying my new position as Chief of Staff for the President of Cru, David Robbins. This is a picture of our Global Executive Team during recent meetings in Panama. We determined our priorities for the coming 2 years, and had some significant time of spiritual and relational connection. We reaffirmed the importance of focusing on building student movements as the foundation for all we do. There is no doubt that God is moving among students around the world, and that spiritual openness is increasing. Please pray for thriving student ministries across many nations!

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