

# Summer Happenings

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Our last update shared about our ministry trip to West Africa, but that's just the beginning of all what God has been doing this summer. **Lorna flew to Washington D.C. the first of July** to help launch a ministry project. It's a joint effort between Cru City ministry that Lorna works with and our global African ministry. They are creating a project to reach the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> generations of the African diaspora that is in our major cities of America. **Lorna is pictured below (far left)** with several of those who are leading the project.



## Summer is a busy time of ministry for Cru

Below, I've listed just a little of what God is doing through some of the many Cru ministries.



In addition to what Dirke does with Cru and teaching at Palm Beach Atlantic Univ., he leads the men's ministry at our church. A couple weeks ago Dirke had lunch with three guys from the men's group who work at the Space Force Base connected to NASA.

- **Athletes in Action (AIA) Olympic Project:** AIA has nearly 75 staff and volunteers serving in Paris at the Olympics. Please pray for this global staff team representing 25 countries that is ministering to Olympians, coaches and federation officials at this critical time. Project participants have been working the past several months to meet and build relationships with Olympians and federation officials so that they can be invited into the Olympic Village, and meet at local cafés.  
  
In addition, **AIA Global** has partnered with **Jesus Film Project** to create [resources](#) for [sharing the gospel](#) around the Olympics and to cover individual athletes in [prayer](#) as they compete. AIA also provides summer sports camps that had 600 participants and they sent another 300 individuals on international trips for the purpose of sharing the gospel through sport.
- **Campus:** More than 1600 students are participating in summer missions at 105 locations in the U.S and around the world. In Orlando, [a group of summer mission interns](#) have gone on local campuses to share their faith and are seeking to launch 90 new campus movements through a variety of digital strategies. [Faculty missions trips](#) are headed to Slovakia, Ecuador, Cuba, Costa Rica, Brazil and Japan. In Tokyo many will take part in [A Common Call](#) faculty conference. In addition, 72 people are participating in international missions planned for Central Asia, Panama, Hungary and Tanzania/Zimbabwe.
- **Family Life:** [Family mission trips](#) are headed to the Dominican Republic and Havana, Cuba, to bring clean water and the gospel. In Ocean City, NJ. families are being trained in evangelism and sharing the gospel.
- **Military Ministry:** During the summer, a surge of thousands of new military recruits report to basic training. Our staff work with hundreds of volunteers to help chaplains engage these men and women at every basic training location in the US. The gospel will be shared with every recruit who attends our [Spiritually Fit - Ready to Serve](#) class. Last year over 16,000 first time decisions were made through these programs.
- **Unto (Cru's humanitarian ministry):** Six 40-foot containers of life-saving aid are being dispatched to Africa, the Middle East, and South America, to help local staff as they minister. Students and volunteers are digging wells in Zambia, staffing an eyeglass clinic in Guatemala, serving a women's health clinic in Colombia and working with refugees in Greece. Each initiative is designed to help fulfill the Great Commandment and Great Commission in launching spiritual movements.



**Pray for these initiatives and Pray for Lorna.** She has invited a number of young professional women to attend a study of *Women in the Bible* in September. A number of these women are seekers and not yet believers. Pray that God draws them to Himself!

**Pray for Dirke** as he will lead several days of workshops beginning in September for one of Cru City's leadership teams. And for a new Master's degree program that he is leading in Burundi (East Africa) beginning in October, one of the poorest nations in the world.

**Pray for our time in the Twin Cities Aug. 15-Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup>** speaking at three churches and visiting family and ministry partners.

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