



Above: It takes a lot of fast food runs (and the Holy Spirit of course) to knit together a Christ-centered community on campus. DJ and James are in the first row on the far right.  
Below: Merry Christmas from the Maloys!



## Summer Update

Lord willing, we're leading the Cru summer mission to Ecuador in 2019! In addition to partnering with national Cru staff to launch long-term movements in the country, we'll prayerfully explore whether Ecuador will be an ongoing sending location for our campuses. Please pray for us as we begin to recruit our team, go to team leader training in January, & plan all aspects of the mission over the Spring semester. We also need prayer that the logistics involved in taking our children overseas for 6 weeks will all work out!

## A NEW BROTHER

*"What?! When were you going to mention that?"*  
We were huddled in an unused computer lab before Cru's weekly meeting. This was one of the handful of times this semester I was actually in Conway, face to face with the Coastal Carolina students & volunteers who serve the Lord day in & day out through the ministry of Cru. This day, we touched on the importance of recording our ministry statistics, to measure our efforts & to celebrate God's work. We've had a rare drought of decisions for Christ this semester, so I was overjoyed to hear of James, the newly believing freshman. I cannot tell you how encouraging it is that DJ, a recent graduate & current volunteer involved with Cru for 4 years, was the man who helped lead James to Christ. He excitedly recounted the experience to me in a text...

His name is James he's from Summerville. He came for a couple weeks to Cru and I met up with Him to do a follow up. I asked about his spiritual background and he said that Christianity had always been forced on him and that he didn't really have a spiritual background. I asked him the 1-10 question and he said a really low number and I asked him why and He said that he went to a Christian academy and his teacher would always tell them that if you sin you can't be saved until you stop sinning. Basically that you have to be perfect. I told him how I use to believe that as well and then I went through KGP with him and at the end I asked him if that prayer was something he wanted and he said yes. So we prayed and he believed!!!!!!

James' story reminds me that it is truly "Jesus plus nothing" that makes us right with God. As Tim Keller says, we must not only repent of our sin, but of our (self) "righteousness" to receive the gift of salvation, which was earned wholly & fully by Christ. May we all experience the Savior & his gracious gifts in a rich way this Advent season!