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**CRU19 - FORT COLLINS, CO**

The key word for this year’s semi-annual Cru national staff conference was: “BE - CAUSE,” (hence the graphic above). Our leadership sought to emphasize that we are *first God’s children* and *after* we are enlisted in the cause. Just as Jesus said to Peter and the other disciples, “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men,” so we as Cru staff are endeavoring to know Christ and to make Him known to EVERY - ethnicity, community, socio-economic group, language, tribe and tongue.

**JOURNEYING TOGETHER**

Speakers at this conference addressed the need for Cru, as a movement, to extend its reach to the growing non-white population in our country. The question was asked, will we continue to be a movement for white people only or will we start making room for others to be heard and to lead?

The implications are clear. If we’re serious about reaching the growing Hispanic, Black and Asian populations in our country we need Hispanic, Black and Asian leaders. These leaders must be movement leaders whose roles are integral to the entire organization and not just an “add-on” or an accommodation.



CRU leadership on stage the final night

We are resolved to repent for past injustice, to lament our shared sorrows, and to renew our commitment to hear, see, love and respect one another in our work to reach the lost. Together we are bringing the gospel, in all its fullness, to people who have not yet heard.

We know that it is a very great privilege for us to be part of this movement. And we know that your partnership makes it possible. Together each of us is extending our gospel reach through the other. Thank you.

*Jenny & John*



We were able to take one day for hiking out in Colorado. This was a fairly long hike but our “flat-lander” strength held out.



Our drive home took us to Chamberlain, SD to visit an Indian school we support. This statue stands at a nearby rest area.



While in Denver we visited with two young friends from Doylestown. Sarah and son, Moses, with friend Maddy are pictured here.