

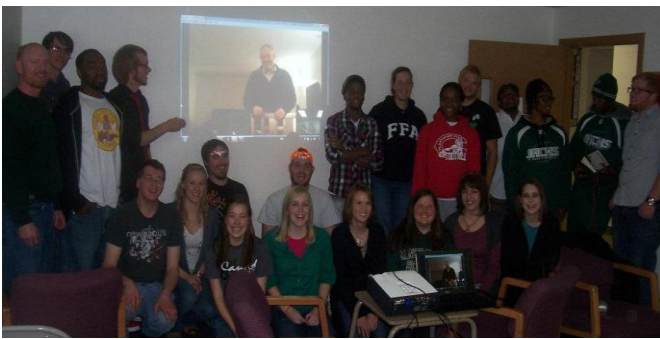


Purpose: To help launch and build movements of spiritual multiplication on college campuses so that everyone will know someone who truly follows Jesus Christ.

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

Another year is upon us, and like every year at this time it brings back memories of the years gone by and causes us to pause and think about what is to come. Will 2012 be a good year, a bad year, a tough year, or maybe even a non-eventful year? We do not know what is ahead, but we trust that the One who laid the foundations of the Earth and holds the universe in His hands is in control. We can rest our heads each night knowing that He loves us and takes care of us, during all seasons of life. We hope you will join us in praising God as we share another update with you about what God is doing in and through college students in Northern ND. Thank you for partnering with us; we couldn't do what we do without your prayers, encouragement, and support.

Yours in Christ,  
Jason & Kassidy Skjervem



### Author Rick James Meets With Students via Skype

Nationally known author, speaker, and Cru staff member, Rick James, was in ND for his "Jesus Without Religion" presentation. While he couldn't make it to MSU, we were honored to be able to sit in on a "leader's devotional" with him via Skype from Dickinson State. Students from Dakota College at Bottineau joined MSU students for pizza then Skype with Rick. [www.rickjameshome.com](http://www.rickjameshome.com)

### Prays and Worship Night

That isn't a typo, it's the name of the new student organized and led night of prayer and singing. The plan is, for every six weeks or so, to gather anyone who would like to join them for a couple hours of Christ-centered worship, prayer for our campus, each other, the world, and other relevant topics. Fifteen students and community members came for the first one last week.



### Student Update - Jon Rott

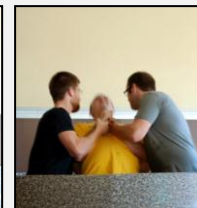
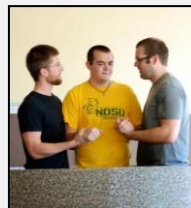


Jon was at MSU before transferring to NDSU this fall. This summer he attended the Ocean City Summer Project which God used to further grow his faith and to train and equip him for a lifetime of ministry. He shared with Jason at TCX how God is using him in Fargo, his involvement in a church, and some future plans; "When I started at NDSU I was asked to co-lead a Bible Study which opened the door for me to begin discipling two freshmen guys. God has blessed me over the last two years with a gaining of biblical knowledge and desire for community, which I am finding at Cru and in church. After my life changing summer in Ocean City and hearing some sermons at church, God led me to the decision to be baptized to publically celebrate my new life in Christ. Also I have been praying about joining staff with Cru in a couple of years. I know now that I'm pursuing God's will for my life in ways that I never have before and while it's been hard at times, it is worth it to serve him."

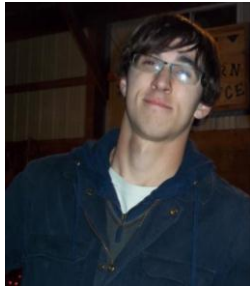
We were therefore buried with him through baptism into **death** in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new **life**.

Romans 6:4

Left pictures: Jon being baptized a few weeks ago!



## Student Highlight-Chris Capp



"Don't worry about it; I can gladly drive him home." Chris joyfully shares how he looks forward to times of driving students home from his church's youth group that he co-leads. He finds that the talk time in the car has been really bonding as he seeks to help mentor and disciple the students in the group to a closer relationship with Jesus. Chris credits the experiences that God has given him through his church and Cru as huge motivators to come along side these young men that God has placed in his life.

## TCX 2011



"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing". –Jesus. This verse, John 15:5, was the theme verse for our annual regional winter conference in Minneapolis where close to 1500 students from dozens of campuses gathered to hear from speakers, worship with hundreds of their peers, serve with inner-city churches, and celebrating in the New Year by praying it in and with energetic worshipful singing.

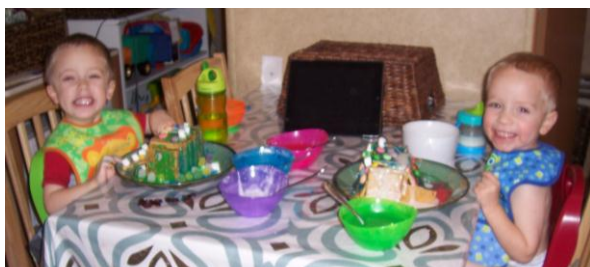
## Pulse Hosts Free Concert for Minot



After the Souris River Flood of 2011, Pulse decided to bless the city of Minot with a free Christ focused Christmas concert. Cru enjoyed partnering with this event, as it clearly explained "The Reason" through music and a Gospel presentation.

[www.pulsemovement.com](http://www.pulsemovement.com)

## Skjervem Family Update



The boys making FEMA trailer ginger bread houses.

The boys literally bounce off the walls as they run around the tight spaces of our FEMA trailer, but we are happy to be in our "own place" and on our property. As of now, we are still waiting to hear what's next. By February 29th, Minot leaders will have announced what the new flood control plan is and we will know if our property is needed for it. Until then, we are making plans either to rebuild or look for a new home, and are content with either option. Below are the 3 plans with our house circled in red. Two allow us to rebuild and 1 has us more than likely getting "bought out" for dike construction.



## Prayer Requests

Patience as we wait to hear about what comes next for our house.

For us as a family to love each other well, and seek to honor God in our tight living quarters.

Wisdom for the outreaches and other chances this semester we have to share the Gospel and connect with students who don't follow Jesus.

For students to connect and commit to attending Bible studies on campus.

For students to grow and be strengthened in their faith through fellowship, studying of God's Word, prayer and evangelism.

Wisdom for the students who are considering going on a summer project this summer with Cru, and that they would joyfully hold their lives and plans open-handed to God.

[www.gosummerproject.com](http://www.gosummerproject.com)

For the Track and Cross Country Bible study Jason leads. For the men who don't know Christ to see their need for a Savior, and put their trust in Him. For it to grow in reaching athletes for Christ at MSU.