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*Left: Partial Shot of the 1000+ staff and students at Encounter*

*Top: Giving Boxes of Love to the community during "Day of Outreach"*

*Right: All the grandkids at Christmas!*



## Kingdom Come

Every student we encounter is on a spiritual journey. Some are newly considering God; others are closely walking with Him. Encounter, Cru's annual winter conference, is uniquely valuable because it serves students wherever they are on their journey! "Kingdom Come," this year's theme, invited 1,000 students to allow God's kingdom to come into their hearts, lives, and world.

It's a full week, with teaching, worship, prayer, fun, and more. Despite the pace, students filed into auditoriums to learn about everything from God's word, spiritual growth, and relationships, to issues of race, gender, and how to answer difficult spiritual questions.

Students explored opportunities and needs around the world. They also stepped out in faith and served the city of Greensboro. Students and staff handed out 700 boxes of food in low-income neighborhoods and God opened the door for at least 523 spiritual conversations and 256 gospel presentations. **26 people** chose to accept Christ right then! Local churches will follow up with those we connected with.

Here are what some students are saying about Encounter:

"This conference has reignited my passion for Christ. I just reaffirmed my relationship with Him and called about five friends to tell them! It has hooked me up with a community that cares about me and has told me how much God cares for me." - Will

"College is so much harder than anyone ever told me it would be. I really struggle with being vulnerable and the speaker during women's time said the definition of femininity is 'open.' This really confirmed that the Lord wants me to open up to my sisters in Christ and Him." - Adriane

"Encounter has shown me the importance of sharing your faith with others. We aren't just supposed to hold it in or have a personal belief system, but we are supposed to do what we were commissioned to do by Jesus and share with others." -Logan

Our prayer is that this generation would be raised up to reach the world! Thank you for your prayers and support that make it possible for us to reach students for Christ.

### Prayer Requests:

- We had 120 NC State and Meredith students at Encounter!
- Pray for the Maze, an illusionist who shares the Gospel through his show, as he comes to NC State February 5 - that many would come, hear about Jesus, and choose to follow Him.
- Pray for Cam (one of our team leaders) whose mom is in her last few months battling cancer.
- Pray for the Lord to give us guidance with a few big life decisions we are processing.
- Pray for Jesus to be our first love, that we walk closely with Him, and that others would be drawn to Him as they see our love for Him overflowing.

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