

**“For to me to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.”**
- Philippians 1:21

[Prayer Requests]

- Pray for financial support to fully come in—I'm almost there! God has been so gracious and he will continue to be!
- Pray for the move into our new house! We hope the transition to living together finds our friendships continually glorifying to God and enjoyable to us.
- Our staff retreat is August 13-15. Pray that God would give us direction and vision for this first semester on campus.
- Pray for my transition to full-time ministry (finally!). Pray that I live out the gospel like God wants and that I cling to him!
- Pray for God's wisdom in choosing a seminary. I'm trusting him to lead me to the right place for next year. More on this later!

[Reflections]

God is has been preparing my heart for ministry for a very long time. I just didn't realize it. It is so surreal to think about working for a mission's organization like Crusade where my job is to talk to people about Jesus and train young Christian men in their faith. Simply amazing!

The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "When Jesus calls a man, he bids him come and die." We are all called to lay down our lives and crosses to follow Christ. What greater calling and joy is there in life than to follow the Creator and Savior? God has prepared me for this ministry and the preparations will never stop. May the Lord prepare you for the work you do in him.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

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Wow! This summer has flown by, hasn't it? I can't believe school starts in five weeks! Summer has been packed with working full-time, support raising, preparing for being on campus and adjusting to living outside of the dorms.

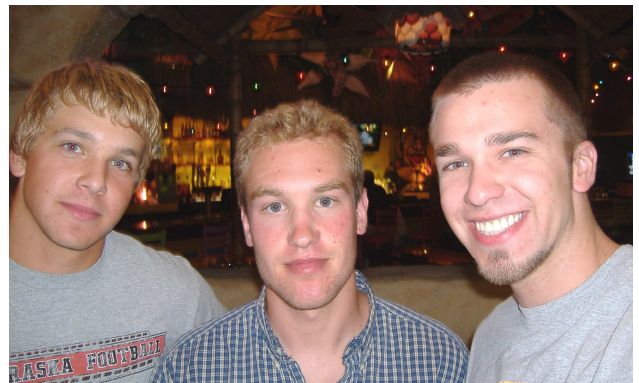
This monthly prayer letter that I'll send out to supporters will include prayer requests, what's happening on campus and what the Lord is teaching me. I pray these will be uplifting as you partner with me in ministry! This first letter will be rather short because I haven't actually been on campus yet. *If you would rather receive this letter in regular mail, then send me a message at james.pruch@uscm.org.*

It's been a busy past few weeks. I took a little vacation from work and support raising to visit my sister in Minneapolis with my friend, Dusty Hanson. It was nice to get away from Lincoln, visit the Mall of America, and hang out with the whole family. My brother Brian was playing in a base-

ball tournament, so my parents were up there with us.

Two weeks ago, three friends and I leased a duplex in north Lincoln. Two of the three guys are on staff with Crusade and the other is a close friend of ours. It's such a great place and location! My new address will be 3403 N. 20 Street, Lincoln, NE 68521. This will take effect on **August 1, 2007**.

If you're a financial sponsor, please fill out the forms online or remember to mail in your monthly or one-time checks before August 10. I have included an instruction sheet with this letter for those who are giving.



Brian, Dusty, and me at the Mall of America

[Personal Ministry & Website]

Many of you know that my passion is writing and I love to share the gifts God has given to me with others. So from time to time I plan to include articles I've written along with this prayer letter.



I'm also very excited to introduce a new website I've created. The address is www.jamespruch.wordpress.com. There, you can find all my writings and spiritually-oriented videos that will be coming in the fall. It's been amazing to see how God has worked through someone like me with writing and speaking, so I pray he continues to be merciful and gracious as this website is just an extension of my ministry on campus.

I've named this website "Beneath the Cross" because that's where I want to be—glorifying in Christ's sacrifice and cherishing my Savior for the forgiveness of my sins. I hope that my passions and gifts help you on your journey with the Lord!

Grace and Peace in Jesus' Name,

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