

The Riedy Reader

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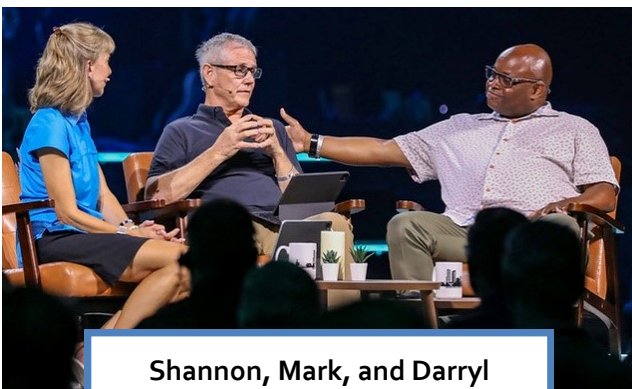


Milwaukee, Wisconsin is NOT Ft. Collins CO, but each has their charm. This year for staff conference we traded mountains for city skyline and college campus for downtown convention

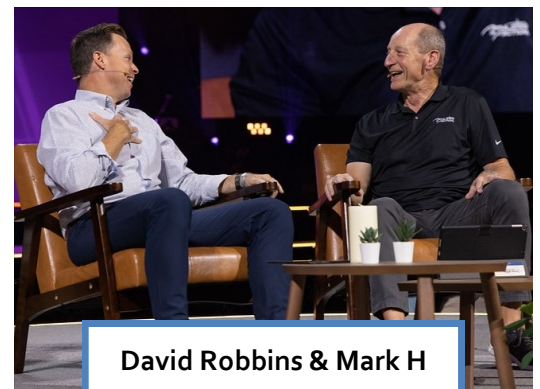


center. No matter where you get around 5,000 Cru staff together, you know it will be a powerful event!

First we enjoyed two days together as FamilyLife staff, then we began to meet as a large group of all Cru ministries. We really appreciated hearing from our leadership! One of the first events featured Shannon Compere (Executive Director of the U.S. Campus Ministry), Mark Gauthier (Vice President for North America and Oceania), and Darryl Smith (Director of Oneness and Diversity) each sharing about recent deaths of loved ones and the general impact of COVID in their lives—very vulnerable. Later, David Robbins (President of FamilyLife) and Mark Householder (President of Athletes in Action) also had an on stage moment to share how God has used these crazy times in these two unique ministries.



Shannon, Mark, and Darryl

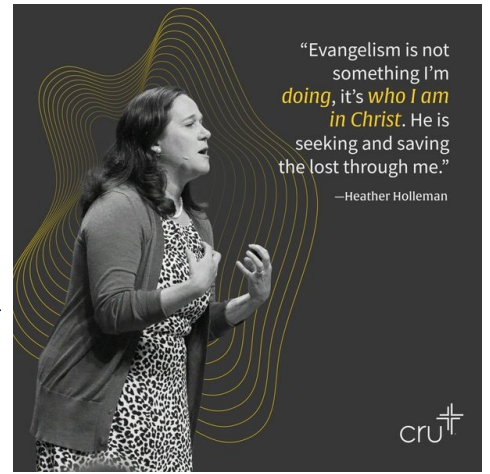


David Robbins & Mark H





One of Eric and my favorite Staff Conference moments is the opportunity to worship together with such a large group of believers from so many different backgrounds, denominations, ages, and cultures—a real taste of heaven!



Two of our favorite main sessions are pictured here as well. Heather Holleman was such an encouragement to live a life of evangelism. She teaches at Penn State, Eric's alma mater. It is extra special to know that she (and her husband, Ashley, executive director of Cru Graduate Student Ministry) are shining the light of Christ in Happy Valley. We also loved the chance to hear from Sasha Zibarov, National Team Leader for Ukraine. He was able to update us on the status of Cru staff there and in surrounding countries. He also shared a very cool story about the Yellow Box Project. In assisting those

in war-torn areas, staff delivered food and emergency supplies once a week in these bright yellow boxes printed with this graphic:



These symbols represent the gospel message (God loves you, sin separates you, Jesus rescues you, will you trust Him?) and each box also contained a flyer explaining one of these symbols. What a neat way to share practical help along with the gospel!



Want to listen to some of these awesome speakers yourself? Check out <https://www.cru.org/us/en/about/cru22-sessions.html>

In Him,

Tear & Prayer



Praise for a smooth college drop off for Amanda at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR. Hauling her dorm stuff across the miles in our van gave us an excuse to visit friends in Little Rock & to spend a few days with grandbabies & Vandivers
Praise for over 800 salvations reported during the Weekend to Remember season-just think of all the families impacted! (and this is just the ones who told us at the events, who knows how many more had seeds planted for later salvations)
Pray for great follow-up & discipleship for salvations & others seeking next steps from events
Pray for Brenna as she begins grad school while working, & Amanda as she adjusts to college far away from family

Pray for the Riedy Family
serving with



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