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Krokos Focus

"Start a Bible study group. Take a mission trip to Mexico..."



Laura and I recently directed the 7th year of the Crush Fear summer mission project where we use the Colorado outdoors to equip students to reach the world for Christ. This life changing event not only helped all the participants grow in confidence in touching the lives of others for eternity, but it was also the first time we hosted it at 3 Trails Ranch, Master Plan's larger mountain retreat center. Crush Fear was 17 days of intense missionary training where students gained personal **confidence** in leadership, **compassion** for the lost, and **courage** in the Great Commission. If this younger generation can't or won't take bold steps of faith with their eyes on Jesus, how will the Gospel be taken to all the nations as Jesus commanded? This is why we taught students to share their testimony, and then partnered with local churches where they proclaimed

God's work in their life during a Sunday Service. We taught them how to share the message of the Gospel, then took them out to the streets (and onto the Internet) to share God's message of love and forgiveness where at least 3 people indicated decisions to receive Christ. We taught about the need for foreign missions, and then took them to the Navajo reservation to learn a new culture and to serve the Native Americans, and to share the Gospel at the local flea market. All this was done while being saturated in God's Word daily and being immersed in outdoor activities designed to help the students physically depend on God in new ways. We were glad we did not see the big black bear until *after* the overnight solo camping experience! The project ended with the students making a short term and long term goal of how they will use their unique gifts and sphere of influence to make Jesus known. They wrote their goals on a rock as a type of dedication to the Lord. (top photo)

One of the most encouraging things for me was seeing the fruit in the life of one of last year's Crush Fear participants. Phillip graduated in Denver in May and has been accepted to go on a year long mission trip with another organization to the Middle East. I asked him recently how God called him to go on such a risky trip. He told me one big factor was spending time alone with God on the "Overnight Solo" last summer in the wilderness at Crush Fear. That night, he read the magazine that we supplied students with that showed the deep need for missionaries to be sent to the 1040 window. Phillip listened and is obeying the call! Please pray for this young missionary and we'd love to connect you to him if you ask us.

Here is what some students said this year about Crush Fear regarding the Great Commission:

"[God] has encouraged me to die moment by moment to myself in the small things. He has encouraged me and given me the tools to share my faith effectively, then to disciple those He leads me to."-Ben

"I did not think that I could evangelize, but I trusted God and He gave me words... I grew in personal confidence in being able to share the Gospel."-Emi

We thank God for your spiritual investments of prayer, finances and encouragement!

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