

# From Church TO CAMPUS

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## *Why Three Former Pastors Focus on Faculty & Students*

### East Asia Universities & North Texas – Doc Henry



Doc Henry pastored churches in two Texas college towns – Lubbock and Austin. Now he spends time on campuses in East Asia where he helps students begin a relationship with Christ.

In January he spoke at a worship service for UNT Christian faculty. “I know when I spend time with students that I feel I am investing in the next generation,” he explained. “The same is true for faculty. Many people unfairly stereotype Christians as having divorced faith from intellect. Christian faculty members stand in the gap in every discipline of academia. They do it to prepare those who will make a difference for Christ in the years to come.”

### Purdue University -- Corey Miller



Corey Miller was a pastor in Oregon a decade ago when he felt called to reach professors. “I left a wonderful church to journey to West Lafayette, Indiana. It was a step of faith to be ministering to faculty and to become a student again.” [He has just completed a Ph.D. in philosophy while working with Faculty Commons.]

Each year Corey works with a variety of Christian groups at Purdue on a symposium where issues regarding Christianity and current issues are presented to thousand of students locally, as many others through live streaming on the web. You can view this year’s speakers at: <http://www.symposiachristi.com/videos/>

### Texas State University – Craig Corley



Craig Corley helped plant a church in San Marcos, Texas nearly 20 years ago. Five years ago he and his wife Ginger sensed that God was calling them fulltime to work with students and faculty on the Texas State campus.

Craig is passionate about what he calls “100% Sent.” He wants everyone to see their work as a calling: every Christian is sent by God to make a difference. “I love working with faculty as well as students,” he explains. “Christian faculty are living out their calling on campus, put there by God and their church to represent Him to students.”

## “Was Campus Crusade Around.....*Back When You Were In College?*”

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*A week of training for these Cru staff members in Austin, TX.*

Last week I helped 40 of our youngest staff members in the Red River Region (TX/OK/AR/LA) learn about ministry to faculty. Some of them went with me to Texas State University where they interviewed Christian professors I had arranged for them to meet. They also took surveys of students on campus; one student explained that his friends had been talking about Jesus – and he was now ready to receive Him.

Afterward one of the under 25-year-old staff asked me if Campus Crusade/ Cru was around “way back when Sarah and I were in college at Indiana University” (in the 1970s). It reminded me that each generation of students sees life differently, yet still has a spiritual longing.

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We wore bell bottom jeans, listened to cassette tapes, bought coffee for 30 cents, and paid \$1,700 for a year’s worth of college – room, board, tuition and pizza money. Campus Crusade for Christ was one of three nondenominational groups on campus, whose students talked to their friends about Jesus.



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Students wear shorts and flip-flops, listen to Spotify on their phones, spend \$2 to \$4 for a Starbucks, and pay \$29,000 for room, board, tuition and pizza. Campus Crusade is now “Cru” ---- and the Cru students talk to their friends about Jesus.



**THANKS** for making it possible for us to help make Jesus known – among students and faculty!

*----- Steve & Sarah*