



Serving

Those Who Served

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Jack Helmer (*left*) became a Cru campus staff after retiring as a major in the U.S Army. He decided to help brand new veterans facing a big challenge: college.

Jack directs a national ministry to the 70,000 veterans now enrolled as undergrads:

- Some lack academic preparation, and high school may have been 6 or more years ago;
- Many are recovering from physical or mental injuries;
- The stress of this unfamiliar life often reveals spiritual needs.

“Now that they are veterans, all of them have a story; most have *many* stories, and quite often they are messy and painful. And we can come alongside them, be the ‘battle buddy’ to help bear the burden until the vet can lay it down at the feet of Jesus.”

- Jack Helmer



In July, Jack attended our Faculty Commons seminars in Colorado to understand the world of professors. After the conference he headed to Central Texas College (*left*) home to 4000 veterans. He prayed for God to lead him to a Christian faculty member.

On campus he met Emily, a Christian professor. Emily said that she had been praying for years for a Christian group like Cru to come to her campus. Jack gave her materials from Faculty Commons Cru’s military ministry and explained how we can help.

** This month Faculty Commons will be emailing more than 1500 Christian professors nationwide, encouraging them to partner with Jack to help veterans on their campuses.

--- Please pray that many Christian professors will embrace helping these deserving and needy students.

