



# Fighting the Good Fight

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## Introducing Chicago Cru

All the sound equipment was set up, the worship band had practiced and was ready go, our new video projector was going through a power point slides with announcements, and all we needed was for the students to start showing up. It was 5 minutes before our first Chicago Cru meeting was scheduled to start and I was wondering how many students would be there.



### Campus Update

Sam, Jill, and Mike, are the student leaders at Benedictine University. The group there started with just them, but they have seen up to 20 students attend their meetings this year.

Even though classes haven't started the student leaders at the University of Chicago are already planning an outreach to incoming freshmen who are on campus for orientation. They will be making and giving away free smoothies and telling students about Campus Crusade. Later in the week we'll hand out 100 Freshmen Survival Kits and get contacts for evangelism at the Student Activities Fair.

Last Spring when we planned for

this year one of the problems we talked about was how it was hard to get momentum at all of the small colleges in the downtown area. Our student leaders at those schools would often get burned out planning meetings that weren't really exciting to attend because of the number of students who would come. As a solution we decided to run a weekly meeting downtown that all of those schools could attend. We thought it would free up our student leaders to do evangelism and build up their Bible Studies. I was put in charge of it since I had been running our once a month metro wide meeting.

Very soon after worry about the number of students started crossing my mind, students started pouring into our room, the lobby of a dorm at Roosevelt University. We had a great night as we started to introduce our theme for the semester, "Life<sup>2</sup>, The Abundant Life". The meeting is designed to help Christian students learn essential truths, but also being welcoming and sensitive to those who don't yet have a relationship with God.

The other project I've tackled this fall was bringing our ministry in Chicago up to date in terms of internet communication. A Chicago Metro website has been a huge need for our ministry for some time. I developed [www.chicagocru.com](http://www.chicagocru.com) as a means to better communicate with students, as well as set up an evangelistic site through Campus Crusade at [www.EveryChicagoStudent.com](http://www.EveryChicagoStudent.com).