

THE REDDY CRU

BUILDING A LIFE CHANGING COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS PASSIONATE ABOUT CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

“What is Broken?”

This was the question we were hoping to hear after 25 students involved with Cru at UCF covered the campus in chalk with three simple and ambiguous words. IT IS BROKEN. Social media blew up with speculation, from humorous to defensive:

“The parking at UCF is broken!”

“Religious people calling everyone broken is broken.”

The real purpose of our IT IS BROKEN campaign was to have an open conversation about the question of brokenness in the world, starting with the whether students at UCF view the world as broken at all. Students within Cru wore red IT IS BROKEN t-shirts the following week and engaged the campus over the reality of brokenness. It was undeniable that college students are well aware of the brokenness all around them and in their personal lives. Many mentioned the government (during the shut down), others talked of the brokenness they experience in relationships, family, the education system, international affairs, and personal loneliness, selfishness, and shame. Our staff and students practiced good listening and question asking to help these men and women come to discover the need for a real solution to brokenness. When appropriate we shared the great news of Jesus who was broken for us, who experienced the brokenness of the world and took on our brokenness and sin to pay the ultimate price for forgiveness and to provide restoration and wholeness. **Through this outreach 13 students indicated a decision to turn to Jesus for life, wholeness, and restoration! Eight more rededicated their life to Jesus!** Throughout the

campaign we asked UCF students to write down areas of brokenness they see in the world and in their personal lives. The over 400 tiles submitted were broken and transformed into this beautiful mosaic (pictured below) representing the power of Jesus to transform brokenness into beauty and wholeness.



Prayer Corner

Pray that the 13 students who trusted Christ would get plugged into Cru and begin to grow in their new relationship with God. Also for the 8 rededications.

Pray for our student leaders who are serving so faithfully. Pray that they would enjoy Christ and serve out of an overflow of their intimate relationship with Him.

Please pray for our family to continue to pursue Jesus together and as our children grow and mature that Heather and I would point them to Jesus constantly.

Pray for our new international partnership in East Asia. Pray with us for 3 UCF students to go on summer project there this summer.