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Hey Rock Team! With joy I write to you my last newsletter. It's been a great year and I'm going to take the opportunity to show you what God has done through CRAM. This year has only been possible because of you guys. I thank you all for praying and for supporting me financially. I also would like to thank a great friend who has given me bass lessons with no charge and also been great support in general. Without him I would have found this a lot more difficult. Plus I must thank my parents who have put up with me during this period and supported me.

Cram 2007

February - The band came together. We started learning our songs and started to learn how to give talks and about team dynamics. Our band name was also formed
Destination Life.

March - Our first gigs. We played at Macquarie University for Student Life (Christian group on campus) and Murfield High.

May - Played at Kingswood Anglican youth group

June - Played at Parramatta High, Chifley College and Springwood Winmalee Youth Group

July - Played at Student Life's Mid Year Conference

August - Played at Tyndale Christian School

September - Trekked to the country and played at Muswellbrook High. We also played at Campus Crusades conference.

October - Played at Murfield High again

November - Did our first tour as a band. Played at four schools around the Nowra region. Our last gig was at Blaxland high.

For those who like stats: we have played to **4700** students. Of those schools where comment cards were used, there were **520** known positive responses to the gospel (pretty awesome if you ask me).

This is just showing you the gigs we have played. We have also had people join CRAM for next year, more gigs booked for next year and people interested in joining for 2009. We

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revamped the CRAM website (www.cram.org.au check it out!) and developed advertising material.

CRAM's last touring band was in 2005. It comprised members of a band from the US and so this year we have had to establish contacts. Our lead singer John could only join us part-time this year so we were restricted a bit by how much touring we could do. 2007 though has shown that this is a very worth while ministry. So many kids wanting to hear God's message of hope and salvation. I'm excited to see this ministry get even bigger next year with all members full-time and bookings already coming in.

As you know this year was my first experience of full-time ministry. This in itself proved to be difficult and great at the same time. Putting my trust in God to provide supporters was hard at times. Becoming more involved at church became difficult at times to balance. But through all these hard times I have grown so much and many times when I knew I had a very busy month with gigs and writing talks for church, Sunday school and youth group I didn't know how I would sustain it all but through God He has given me strength and has provided everything I need and more.

I consider the best thing that I have learnt this year has been that even though I am just one person who doesn't know much at all and who just started playing bass this year and hasn't had any formal training in talks - God has used me to touch many kid's lives.

I remember a sermon I heard a few years back from my youth pastor and I can't remember what the sermon was about but one thing he said was, "Every year do you think how to give God more of your time?" This has impacted me a lot. I'm not sure what next year will look like but I'm excited to be studying God's word and put my energy in serving, teaching and encouraging youth with their walk with God.

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This year I have really learnt to rely on God but I feel that I have only learnt a speck and there is much more to learn in doing ministry full time, in sharing God's word with others, being a better servant and of course getting a deeper understanding of God.

My time with CRAM will end around the end of this month. If you have been supporting me financially money won't be taken out of your account after December.

I would like to thank you all again for your prayers and support. Next year I hope to go to Anglican Youthworks bible college and also work at Springwood Winmalee Anglican church 2 days a week. In this position I will be leading Toast (youth service), youth group, Sunday School and hopefully Scripture.

Please keep praying for me that with everything I do that I may glorify God.

Also please let me know if you would like to receive my prayer letters next year.

Thanks,
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