



## **Welcome to Mamelodi, South Africa**

A township left in the wake of Apartheid, filled with hope and potential.

When the Cru Boston Metro Team began their partnership in South Africa in 2007, they found few students, and almost no black students on their campus. After talking with the university president about this, they found that few students in the area – especially the black students from the township across the street – could pass the entrance exam. In response to the problem, the team set up a tutoring program for high school students from the township in the U.S. Embassy-sponsored library on campus, partnering with the university and with pastors from area churches. Hundreds of students have participated, and the program has taken on a life of its own. Even when Boston Metro teams are not there, the program goes on, run by students, university administrators, and pastors. An increasing number of students have matriculated into the university. Not only have many South African students come to Christ, but a number are now leading the program. As the Cru teams have been intentional about blending evangelism and social justice, they have developed a partnership that gives students a great picture of the “whole campus to the whole world” and the kind of multi-faceted impact the gospel can have on society.

### **Other compelling project statistics**

- This project draws our nation’s most elite students and gives them practical ways to weave together their degrees with gospel-oriented change.
- There are multiple stories of American students who came to Christ ON the summer project.
- Today’s college students need internships. The Mamelodi Initiative offers a real chance to use skills in education, mathematics, computers, and English.
- We interviewed multiple American participants who talk about how this project compelled them to want to intern with Cru or approach their careers with a kingdom mindset. We're talking Wall Street/Internet Security/Computer Engineer folks.
- Cru alums keep coming back again and again and continue to invest in the same students, many of whom become program leaders.

- This summer, The South African Ministry of Education approached our program leaders asking how we might expand it throughout South Africa.