

# HALVORSEN MINISTRY UPDATE



Cru New Staff - Summer 2017

I have loved training our new Boston Cru staff the past couple of years, helping them have the tools and skills they need as well as the mature spiritual and personal development necessary to minister to college students with the love of Christ. As Aaron transitioned to software engineering and I to official part-time staff with Cru, an opportunity came for me switch my role slightly: to help equip new laborers to be fully funded and financially-faithful, helping them fulfill what God has called them to do.

*“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37). **Ralph Winter, founder of the US Center for World Missions, estimated that over 20,000 Americans each month inquire about serving in missions with various agencies across the country, yet only about 1% actually make it to the field. Why is that?***

Well, as you might expect or maybe you have been there yourself, 90% of these 20,000 monthly inquirers freak out a little at the statement, *“You must raise your own financial support.”*

In this season of ministry, my role with Cru will be mobilizing, equipping and launching the next generation of missionaries. I have the incredible privilege of coming alongside our newest staff members in Boston and our region who are trained and equipped to take the gospel to students, build them in their faith, and send them out to win, build, and send others. Before they are able to report to the field, they must first build their own team of ministry partners to be fully funded and fully focused on reaching others with the Gospel. I will get to shepherd, encourage, develop, pray, cheerlead, and coach them during this season while they are raising their *\*own* funds, which is a time of great character development and refinement in which the Lord prepares them for ministry.

Like any good coach or mentor or disciple-maker, I have been there. And I am continuously thankful for YOU, as you have been part of the means (many of you for many years) for me to be in the field, making disciples of Christ - now in the next generation of missionaries. Thank you for helping me equip new laborers for the field. *“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.”* Let’s together get more laborers out to reap the harvest.

(\*Note: This is unrelated to the ethnic minority fund, which I look forward to explaining in more detail next month if I have enough funds to contribute to this great means to help ethnic minorities join full-time Cru staff.)

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