

HALVORSEN MINISTRY UPDATE



Flashback from 2010, with my staff mentor (Kim) and an MIT student (Katie)

Time for Change: Leaving Ministry

Fifteen years has past since I first interned with Cru and now *the end has come* to this extended season of ministry.

Throughout this period, God stretched and shaped me profoundly—working with college students, learning from numerous faithful Cru staff members, and mentoring new missionary staff. My expectations for ministry soared initially, but they plummeted in the face of challenges. Yet, time and again, I witnessed God's awe-inspiring ability to use even my incompleteness and brokenness as I leaned on Him.

One cherished memory etched deeply within me is my first visit to MIT. Overwhelmed by feelings of inadequacy and struggling to connect with these brilliant students, my attempts to engage freshmen girls resulted in awkward one-word responses and uncomfortable glances at their feet. Distraught, I called my staff mentor, Kim (pictured above), and cried. How could I serve these students if communication felt impossible? But with time and patience, relationships with those students grew (and theirs /my own social skills grew too) to become some of my most cherished. Over four years, those freshmen and I forged a bond, growing together in trust and seeking God as we worked to minister in their dorms.

There were many other moments I would continue to cry out like Moses, 'What if they do not believe me or listen to me?' Yet, God consistently responded, 'What is that in your hand?' Despite my perceived inadequacies, God remained faithful.

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5 has been my anchor throughout these last fifteen years, reminding me that my effectiveness does not hinge on "eloquence or human wisdom" but the powerful work of the Spirit: "I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power." This passage continues to resonate in me as a testament to God's power beyond human wisdom, shaping the foundation of my faith from the beginning of my internship with Cru until today, even as I think of my next steps.

So, what's next?

I will likely take the next few months to help more in our house renovations. We love our new 1857 home, but it needs work. We have been doing almost all the renovations ourselves. After that settles down (will it?), I will start considering my next vocational steps. I expect the transition to a non-ministry vocation will not be easy, but the Lord has been faithful and I know He will continue to be.



THANK YOU!

For these fifteen years I have been continually amazed by how the Lord provided the financial means to do full-time ministry: first as a single person, then as I married Aaron, as we started a family, and as we met many health challenges with Silas. Many of you have been an integral part of my financial team throughout this entire journey! Your unwavering support, thoughts, prayers, and faithfulness have been a tremendous source of encouragement, empowering me to persevere in this mission. I have a profound appreciation of having you on my team.

If you have been giving financially to my ministry through Cru, **please discontinue or redirect your giving by my last day: December 16th**. There are new staff on the Boston Metro Cru team I have coached that I would be happy to help you redirect your giving to – please contact me if you want more information.

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