

**Acts 16:6 Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. 7 Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there.**

Hello, friends! Wendy and I have followed the Lord with a vision to reach college students for 18 years with Cru. You have partnered with us in this calling with your own faith steps as you've supported God's heart to bring the Good News to students right where they're at...in dorms, classrooms, fraternities and sororities, sports teams, and to other countries.

For the last few months, we have been pursuing a vision to partner with Cru Australia. To help them in their recruiting, training and sending. To reach places with little to no witness for Christ. *It was recently confirmed that we did not reach our support goal to get there.* This has been discouraging for sure. I've been looking at Paul in Acts and the times where he experienced change, new direction, and even loss. That has actually been encouraging to me, since I look to Paul as an inspiration in the way he related to God- so authentic, real and vital.

We both have experienced sadness and loss. But, we are totally at peace and thankful realizing it was not something God had for us at this time. We were stretched and grew in unexpected ways, like our communication and marriage. God also used it to stretch our kids who were often on a bit of a rollercoaster of emotions.

Wendy and I both agree that God has used the time to give us even greater focus in what we do and we are different people having moved in this direction. ***I've often taught students, "You can't turn a parked car"***; which I've used to communicate that only as we step out in faith...God gives us direction. If we live our lives 'parked' it's hard to follow God's prompting. *We have been in a position to make that true in our lives,* and our faith has grown in ways we hadn't imagined. I'm sure you have shared this kind of experience as well. As you've moved in one direction, God has brought unexpected opportunities.

We have to share that we are excited for the opportunities right where we are at! When we knew Australia was no longer our assignment there was some exploring with our Human Resources department. We heard that our own region, California, Arizona and Hawaii, needed us to bring focus to recruiting and sending. ***The job we were to do in Australia is the same job we can give attention to here.*** Our new positions include going to campuses, meeting with students, speaking with them and challenging them to step out in faith. *We will be involved in training students, developing them as leaders and sending them to locations that desperately need Jesus.*

Additionally, we met with some folks who are giving leadership to a new ministry in Cru, *Cru City*. It's a ministry to help reach the larger cities in the U.S. This is a multi-organizational partnership to reach cities well. *We would be focusing on Millennials [19-29 year olds] in San Diego- a group which is considered the most unchurched generation in U.S. history and one in which many who grew up with faith...have left the church.* Yet, even *Time* magazine recently articulated how this generation will change the world.

**We can't communicate enough how excited we are for these opportunities!** Helping build the kingdom by sending staff and students to the unreached world and also partnering with Cru City; continuing to reach San Diego, where we've done ministry for almost 10 years.

We look forward to connecting with you all to share ways you can play a part in this...it might even challenge you to look at your city in a new light. Please open this link to get a taste of what Cru City is all about: <http://vimeo.com/70523346> .

We love and appreciate you and your partnership.

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