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## THE SLOW DRIFT

I could see the girls and at this point could clearly hear them yell, "Help!" and "Mom!" Of course it was more like, "Hhheeeellp!" and "Mmooooommm!" A couple of them were waving their arms, and one of them was clutching her bodyboard in a death grip.

I told Avery, to stay at the chair as I took off my shirt and ran to the edge of the water, still not sure if they needed help or were messing around. As I got closer to them I noticed it was more grim than I thought as they were being pummeled by the waves and there now included a dad trying to help his two young sons. He stared at me, begging me to help him. It was sketchy.

Over the next few minutes I was able to help 5 of the folks out of the surf and with some directions, 3 of them were able to self rescue. As we made our way in, 2 lifeguard trucks rolled up, but missed the excitement. There were also about 20 people at the water's edge and another 100 that were oblivious to what had just happened. No one came to help me.

### Millennial burden

It got me thinking how easy it is between set waves...to slowly drift into positions where there is danger. Things can seem normal, even serene, until we find ourselves over our heads. We need help minimally and maybe need rescue.

It's probably generalizing, but having been involved in university ministry for 20 years we've met students sent to college like they've reached some invisible finish line. Lots of input and investment in their lives for the previous 18 years, yet now they are sent into the world with a hope that the foundation has been set. "What else can we do?" There can be the unintended message, "I've done my part, now you're on your own." There is hope that they will stay connected to the faith or values they grew up with. A hope that as they face the next few years...years that are foundational...years that include incredibly critical decisions...they will have the resources or communities to help them make great choices. Often though, they are alone. *Culture, like a riptide, starts to tug. Starts to pull. Soon, firm footing is gone. They are drifting.* Clutching onto anything for life, unable to yell for help. Embarrassed about where they've come. Fear of where they will end up.

As you know, Wendy and I have begun a ministry that is focused on helping people connect the dots...connect themes in their lives. We work to help folks take new steps of faith and obedience.

Like Ephesians 2:10 speaks to, we are helping connect them to 'the way'...the path that God has for them. A way filled with good. It will be hard, but it is good. There will be struggle, but there will be growth.

We are excited to share what is going on! This will be the last 2-page letter for awhile...I think. Please stick with it! We pray you are encouraged by what you read and how you can partner with us for what is coming up. Here's a story to start off that God used to increase my [Kyle] passion for what we are stepping into with two:10.

Two weeks ago, I was at the beach with my daughter, Avery, who is working on her surfing. Specifically, her take off and bottom turns. **The sea was rough, and some of the waves were powerful.** It was creating a riptide that I could feel tugging me out. I could also see we had drifted about 200 yards north of our towels. As we got out of the water, I noticed a group of teenage friends entering the water, but didn't think much about it. **They were loud, laughing and obviously having fun.**

About 10 minutes later as we were gathering our things to go home, I noticed that some of the laughing or yelling seemed to be different and looked out at the ocean.

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Twentysomethings are changing the world and we are excited to connect with more of them; to hear their stories and encourage new steps of faith. **Nobody intends to drift.** But, when they do, our prayer is to help them reorient and become who they were created to be.

Please join us in praying for creative opportunities to connect with 19-34 year olds. It might look like book clubs, dinner parties, discussion groups, road-trips and any other way that will help them take a new step towards Christ. Any way that will remove a hurdle in their relationship with God.

That leads me to ways you can help.

## How you can help

Many of you have asked about ways to help us as we start this new venture. Here are some thoughts:

- When you get this we will be finishing a booklet to give a group of 10 'millennial' folks going on a road trip for a week. We are preparing some reflection and group learning activities to help them connect with each other and with God. Pray for them to learn more about themselves and their faith. A couple of them do not identify with the Christian worldview. Pray they might take new steps in their faith.
- Our application to the IRS for the recognition of our non-profit status is in! Has been for four weeks. Please pray that we will hear back in supersonic speed [the norm lately is 9 months- we are praying to hear in 3 months. Pray this happens].

### EARLY END OF YEAR GIFT

- We have start-up expenses and some upcoming training that will cost a total of \$5000. If we have 18 people give \$278 as a special one-time gift by the end of the year we can reach that goal!

## Would you prayerfully consider helping us with this?

We would love to hear from you if you can commit this gift to arrive by the end of this year. **Just email me at [kyle@two10.com](mailto:kyle@two10.com) and say, "I'm in"!**

If you are able to make the gift now, you can make a special one time gift at: <https://two10.webconnex.com/donate>

When you follow that link, just make sure to choose 'one-time' in the frequency box.

- If you have connections with folks that may understand **non-profit business taxes**...let us know. We need the help. Again, just email me.
- If you are able to help us with **references** to churches, pastors, or missions committees, we would love to connect with them and see if they need any help with their missions sending programs. Specifically related to briefing [sending] and debriefing [receiving back home].
- If you have connections to people who do **graphic design**, we need some help with that. We'd appreciate any leads.
- With some upcoming travel it would be great if anyone is able to donate [give] some **airline miles** to us. If you fly United, American or Delta [or partners] and are able to give us miles, that would be tremendous!

## Reminder

• Our Cru account closed at the end of September. You must stop any donations to Cru by calling: 888CRUSADE and giving them our account number: 0451260. **If you accidentally give to Cru in Oct, just call them and have them reverse your donation.**

• The new link to donate is : <https://two10.webconnex.com/donate> You can easily choose how you'd like to partner with us. *Please let us know if there are any issues.*

• If you have been and would like to continue giving by check, please write donations to:

The two10 Group

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• If there are any questions you have please don't hesitate to contact us, via email [see below] or by phone: 805.403.8344 .

## Prayer

- Pray for the new project with millennials. Pray it challenges them to new steps of growth and faith.
- Pray for some new opportunities with churches to help with missions programs and briefing and debriefing times.
- Pray for an upcoming opportunity to train small group leaders at our church.

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