

AUGUST
TWENTY:14

next steps

new beginning



Starting
something
new

There *is that time as a follower of Jesus where being a disciple means stepping out in faith.*

We have been in a transition for the last year I would say. We just didn't realize it until about 4 months ago. And it is this process that I'd love to bring you into and share more about **two:10**, the ministry we are now serving with.

We've realized that it is in the fabric of our DNA to be 'sent ones'. This of course means that we are often in a place of being sent...and is where we have found ourselves recently.

For the last 19 years this 'sentness' has been with Cru. But, it was in recent months we realized following God would lead us elsewhere. And I'll tell you, as clear

as it was, *elsewhere is still uncomfortable.*

We have been restless as we have sought God. But, He surfaced two areas of interest...passion, we felt God leading us towards.

Millennials

We recently read a study by the Barna Group, with 22,000 respondents, which showed that 61% of twenty-somethings 'put their faith on the shelf' after college.

It broke our hearts. We had seen that pattern in former students who had a difficult time transitioning, *with their faith intact*, after college.

This generation, often called Millennials, are gifted and passionate. **Yet, they can and do drift spiritually.**

They are considered the most un-churched generation in our cultures' history. The Barna study also speaks to the idea that they are often de-churched, meaning they're not able to reconcile what they experience in church with what they value. *So they leave church.*

It seemed clear to us that we could trust God to make an impact with these young people.

Church Partnership

Another area of passion and skill has been leading briefings and debriefings... helping teams get ready to serve overseas and helping them serve on their return. We have been doing this for over 17 years with Cru. We see this as an area of strength we

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can serve churches with. Often there aren't the resources to have dedicated 'sending teams' or missions committees in churches to help folks process what did or didn't happen while overseas.

Mission teams experience challenges, unmet expectations, or confusion when things don't line up while serving overseas.

We have seen the importance of helping people capture what God did or didn't do. Help them learn more about themselves and how to integrate what they learned while overseas to take new steps of faith back here in the U.S.

How'd we get here?

There is a great verse related to the Apostle Paul, Acts 9:15

But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel."

Paul was unique. *God was saying, 'Paul is my unique instrument to reach people with unique needs.*

God was using all of Paul's past... his experiences, sufferings and training to reach people that needed life. Needed new life.

It is with this same flavor that Wendy and I came to the conclusion that it was time to take a new step of faith ourselves.

We feel uniquely designed, trained and skilled to connect with Millennials. We have the same unique ability to help churches send people to the world with greater focus. Then, to help churches receive folks back home in ways that build them and the Kingdom.

After we prayed and sought counsel we realized there was no way to continue with Cru and follow where God was leading us.

We realized it would take a new step of faith. This is how **two:10** was born.

Looking at Ephesians 2:10 [our guiding verse], Paul speaks to God's intimate relationship with people— He created masterpieces with a plan, a path, and a way filled with good things.

Our prayer is to help individuals and churches connect the dots. Connect experiences, skills, and training with a vision to make an eternal impact. *It centers on discipleship.*

Our vision is that individuals and churches would connect their unique callings...God's 'way' for them...with their passions/calling and goals. To help people and churches get to new places...places that God has already set before them. *Ultimately, it is helping people realize their unique contributions.*

We fully believe John 10:10 that describes a life connected to Christ as a rich and satisfying life. People living out their purpose, will not only offer life to others, but experience *life*, not just an existence.

Churches living out their purpose will be a dynamic hub, connecting to their communities and making a Kingdom impact.

We know this is only a taste of what we are going after, but we hope it is a helpful picture of where we are going with two:10.

• **As a reminder, August is our donation transition month.** You can continue to give through Cru this month or directly to **two:10**.

• Our Cru account closes at the end of September.

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• **Thank you for your prayer, your concern and your investment in what God is doing!**

Blessings,

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