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4 people. 48 hours. More video, photography and sound equipment than I could count!

This was my first assignment with **Creative1Media**, a Cru ministry, and I was absolutely loving it. But let's back up a little.

You may already know that I (Emily) graduated from OU with my degree in Visual Communications (aka photography, videography and graphic design). I put aside those skills when I felt the Lord's call to campus ministry, and trusted Him to use those skills when and how He wanted.

The past few years, I have begun to feel the tug at my heart to once again put those skills to work. But how? I wasn't interested

in leaving staff with Cru, but my current role on campus gave me little time or opportunity to do those things. I began to pray. I had dreams where I told people I did graphic design, videography and photography for Cru. I'd wake up and think "Why did I dream that? As far as I know, there's nothing like that in Cru!"

Then, this summer, while we were in Chicago on Summer Mission, I met a fellow Cru staff who was filming our students for a future promotional video. To make a long story short, this staff person introduced me to the Creative1Media team, and I began to consider a transition.

Just two weeks ago, I finished the transition. I will now be splitting my time, working 25% of the time with Cru at OU as campus staff, and 75% of my time with Creative1Media, working remotely on videography, photography, and graphic design projects for Cru.

So what does this mean? I am still on Cru staff, just as I have always been. I am, of course, still as committed as ever to The Great Commission and evangelism. Clay's role has not changed at all. The only change is that I will be spending much of my time on the creative endeavors needed by the ministry. In a world that is increasingly reliant on visual mediums such as graphic design and videography to communicate, I am excited to help the whole world hear about Jesus by using these unique skills.

If you have any questions about my new role, please don't hesitate to reach out. One of the first video stories I helped to film will be done soon, and I hope to share it with you so you can see firsthand what God has allowed me to do!



Yours in Christ,

Clay + Emily

# FAMILY UPDATE

In our last prayer letter, we shared with you that Judah was hospitalized in Nationwide Children's hospital with a serious infection. As we found out, he had salmonella, norovirus, astrovirus, and adenovirus. (We all likely had at least salmonella, if not norovirus, but Judah was the only one who became seriously ill.) The local Health Department investigated, but we still don't know how he got all of those at once, and we likely never will.

Praise God, after 2 ER visits and 5 total days spent inpatient at the hospital, Judah was released to finish recovering at home. As I write this letter, he is now basically recovered and we are just focused on helping him regain all the weight that he lost. He is back to his cheerful little self, and we are grateful for all the support and prayers we received during this time.

As you might imagine, the medical bills for his treatment are quite large. If you would feel led to give a special gift to help us pay those down, you can do so at [www.give.cru.org/o854132](http://www.give.cru.org/o854132). Thank you again SO MUCH for praying for his recovery. We are so grateful!



## PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for Judah's recovery. We especially praise Him for the fact that it seems there will be no long-term damage from this infection.
- Pray for Emily's new role with C1M. Pray for her skills to grow and her work to be used in significant ways to further the kingdom.
- Pray for us as we continue to seek the Holy Spirit

it's guidance about the next best steps for our ministry in a changing world. We need wisdom, humility, and clear guidance towards what God would have us do.