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SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE  
WHO TRULY FOLLOWS JESUS



## **Cru15**

As I look back on the past year, I am so thankful for all that God has done. He has sustained us in many ways, not the least of which is through your prayers and support. You are a continual source of blessing to us. I'm clearly struggling to communicate with you regularly as I have transitioned to be the one primarily responsible for the communication, but it is not because I'm not grateful for you!

Our summer at CSU was a lot of hard work, but also refreshing. Jonathan served with the conference team again - his primary responsibility being to put together and execute the details for what is being known as the Legacy Track. The Legacy track is a two and a half day pre-conference for all Cru staff over the age of 65. It is designed to help these staff deal with general logistics (retirement, benefits, Medicare) related to getting older, but also to encourage our seniors to consider how the Lord is calling them to minister in this stage of life. Our older staff have much to offer, but many can find themselves isolated and adrift. The Legacy team intends to encourage them and spur them on "towards love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)

Jonathan LOVES serving with the Legacy track and found his time to be both refreshing and encouraging after a challenging first year back in the classroom. I had more than one person this summer come up to me telling me how much they appreciated Jonathan and that they hoped he would continue to come back to CSU to help with Operations. There are few people on staff who do the things Jonathan does so well and his gifts are so needed and appreciated.

For my part, I ended up taking three seminary classes - Biblical Interpretation, Biblical Communication (which are taught as a 4 week unit) and Old Testament Survey. The classes were stretching and, at times, intense, but I learned so much. What a blessing to learn from God's Word and be intellectually challenged. I thrive on that and I do believe it makes me a better minister of the gospel. Plus, I learned a TON. My Old Testament Professor, Mark Futato, has written some books on the Psalms that I would highly recommend - [Transformed by Praise](#) and [Joy Comes in the Morning](#).

## **Ministry Blog**

As I mentioned, I want to do a better job keeping in touch. SO, my plan is to utilize the internet more and more in my communications with you. Would you please consider signing up to follow our blog (jonathanandkerri.blogspot.com) by email? You shouldn't receive spam e-mail this way, just a notice whenever Jonathan or I post to the blog. I will be using it to give ministry updates, family updates, and for prayer requests. I could not do this ministry without you, and I strongly desire that you know what is going on! God is doing some amazing things in and through Cru City and I can't wait to share some of those things with you. In fact, in the next week or so, I will post a bit about some of the exciting things God did at the big Cru conference this summer, Cru15.

### Pray With Us:

- ✦ That Jonathan and I would grow in our dependence upon the Lord and seek to follow His lead.
- ✦ That Zoe and Sophie would continue to adjust well to life in Texas

Thank you for partnering with us to tell others about Jesus! We appreciate you so much.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kerri'.