

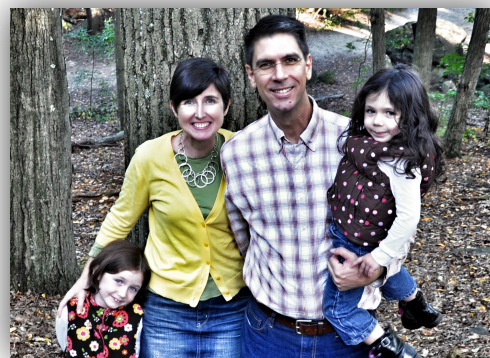
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SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE
WHO TRULY FOLLOWS JESUS



In Transition...

This past November easily ranked as one of my all-time top five busiest/stressful months. I helped to direct Cru's Northeast recruiting conference (aka "Preview Weekend"), directed our annual Northeast staff conference, negotiated the sale of our home in Reading, and moved across the country (we were actually en route on Thanksgiving Day). Whew! I'm happy to report that we all survived, and after a month of living with my parents while waiting for our house in Reading to close, we are now residents of Fort Worth. The girls are both enjoying their new schools and the warmer weather.

Along with all the personal changes, I've also transitioned to an exciting new role with Cru. I am now serving on the National Leadership Development team with Cru City. Formerly known in Cru as Adult Professional Ministries, Cru City's mission statement is "Kingdom citizens advancing the mission of Jesus for the well-being of the city."

I'm excited about this ministry for a number of reasons. First of all, the world is coming to the city. If you have spent any time in a major city in this country, you know that they are filled with people from all over the world - rich people, poor people, influential people, recent college grads, artists, media-shapers, immigrants, refugees.... the list goes on and on. Much of what happens in our world today begins or culminates in a city.

Transforming the Whole City

If you have spent any significant time in a major city, you have probably noticed that cities are filled with need. There is both hope and brokenness to be found at every turn - hope in the form of people pursuing their dreams, shaping culture, and raising their families; brokenness in the form of poverty, crime, and loneliness. Cru City aims to reach into that brokenness and offer the hope of the gospel through Cru's tried and true win, build, send model. Cru City is still Cru, just targeting a broader audience. About a month ago, I attended my first Cru City event - Cityscape - held for leaders from around the country. I learned so much and am excited to share more details in the upcoming weeks on our blog - jonathanandkerri.blogspot.com.

Cru City is currently at work in several cities around the country, including New York, Los Angeles, Denver, Portland, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Dallas/Fort Worth. I am so excited that God has called me to serve with Cru City and pray that He would lead you to continue with me in this venture. I cannot do it without you! **Your investment of finances and prayers will influence many coming to know Christ and in the transformation of our cities, which will result in the transformation of our world.**



Some of our amazing City leaders.

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
- ♦ That Kerri would adjust to her new role and would take advantages of the numerous opportunities for growth it provides :).
- ♦ That Jonathan's 8th graders would perform well on their upcoming state test and that God would use him in this new context.

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

Jonathan and Kerri

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