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SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE  
WHO TRULY FOLLOWS JESUS

Hello Faithful Partners,

I recently attend Cru City's 2nd annual conference - Cityscape. Cityscape is a wonderful time of vision and connecting with folks from all around the country. I got to meet in person many of the folks whom I have helped transfer to City. Here are a few of their stories.

Hoffman and Courtney served in campus ministry for about a decade in East Asia (both as single adults and also together after getting married). They have been back in the US for a couple of years, serving at Auburn University in Alabama, working with international students. They discovered that many students (particularly students from East Asia), come to Christ at Auburn and return to their home countries only to find that the model of ministry they learned while here in the US did not translate well in their home culture. As a result, Hoffman and Courtney feel burdened to equip internationals with a ministry model that these folks can easily utilize when they return home. They have begun using the Simple Church model, in partnership with City, to create small home churches in Auburn with the idea that many involved will take what they learn here and start churches around the world.

Malissa was leading Cru's campus ministry in Chicago. She discerned that many of her students were graduating from college and struggling to find their footing. Life in the real world is much different than college and many people who had dynamic walks with the Lord as students were falling away upon leaving school. So, Malissa joined City to pioneer our Millennial gate in Chicago, where she works with recent grads helping them navigate how to balance work and faith and make an impact where God has planted them. Her ministry is growing and God is bringing staff to join her.

Christy led a Cru team in the United Kingdom before returning to the US last year. While in the UK, she interacted with many refugees from around the world and developed a heart for serving this vulnerable group. Providentially, Christy's home church in the Cleveland area learned that a number of refugees are being settled in the Cleveland area and they desired to use their financial and people resources to serve these people. They asked Christy if she would consider partnering with them, helping them to launch this ministry, while serving with Cru City. She has been at work in Cleveland for several months now and God is opening all sorts of doors.

These are just a few of the people that I have helped join City this year. Sometimes my job feels a bit removed and not "real ministry"; however, without people doing my job, it would be impossible for Cru to get people to the field. I feel so blessed to walk with folks like these as they undertake major life transitions. Please pray that the Lord would bless their efforts.



### Pray With Us:

- ✦ That Jonathan and I would grow in our dependence upon the Lord and seek to follow His lead.
- ✦ For all the Cru staff and students participating in summer missions.

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".