

Marseille // France

In August, 22 new missionaries were sent out from the US to live, minister and serve in various countries in North Africa and the Middle East. Prior to them heading off to each of their homes for the next year or two, or longer, they spent a week in Marseille, France for training.



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The week involved sessions to encourage them in their relationship with God, ministry trainings, care sessions, cross-cultural training, and time spent with local Cru staff to learn about the places they'll each be serving in. I (Nich) was a part of the design team planning and putting on the training, as well as emcee during the week, and also was able to give a talk on crossing-cultures with humble integrity.

We sang together, ate meals together, asked and answered questions about anything and everything, and then went into the city port to engage in spiritual conversations with people from all over North Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

In our time serving overseas, my (Nich) favorite thing to witness has always been seeing changed lives in those who hear about the life of Jesus of Nazareth and experience the love He has for them, knowing they are made in God's image. I pray that these new missionaries have many opportunities to see the same thing in the school year ahead. Pray that God would lead them to students who are ready to hear the Good News and for wisdom as they continue to navigate the realities of ministry in a country different from their own.



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Davis // California

We wanted to take time to share, after 20+ years serving full-time with Cru, Tricia has made the prayerful decision to become spousal affiliate staff with Cru. This allows her to focus her energy on her new business **LoveBB®**, while I (Nich) will continue in my role training and coaching our teams serving in North Africa, the Middle East, Persian and Turkic regions. We don't see it as such a big change as we always work as a team and are missional as a family, but we are excited for this new endeavor as it's been a life long dream for her to own her own business. **Please support her along** the way through prayer, encouragement, and know all your financial giving is crucial as I (Nich) am still full-time paid staff which provides health care for our family and income for our living costs.

For both Tricia and I, 20 years with any company & organization is significant. We met each other, as well as many of our close friends, through this organization. Most of our ministry partners we have now known longer being on staff with Cru than prior. We are thankful for God's provision through these friendships and connections!



Thank you for your continued partnership and prayers!

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