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Musings in Ministry

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Hello from Orlando, Florida!! Yes, I am alive (☺) and offer a sincere apology for not writing recently! Life has taken many twists and turns along the road to theological development and training at our US Staff Conference in Colorado; I then headed back to Boston to close out a few office projects, prepared to move, said many a goodbye, and journeyed south on I-95 to begin what I'm now referring to as my "O-town Life."

I arrived three weeks ago and began my ten-month Lake Hart Stint with 49 others from around the United States and a handful of new friends from other countries. The transition has been quite an adjustment and part of me continues to ask the Lord, "What am I doing here?!" Yet, in the midst of change, I also see how He has carved out a wonderfully smooth path for me to engage with Him in the months ahead. He has already blessed me with two amazing roommates



who have quickly become friends (pictured left), a job that I feel competent in (Recruiting for all of Campus Crusade for Christ International), a staff coach, Jodi, who has shown such care for me as a person and will be walking this path with me as I discover how God wants to grow me this year; and finally, by providing *margin* in my life to experience what He has in store (it feels like I can take a deep, deep breath for the first time in many years).

It is challenging to adjust to new people, places and a new team at work, but I am genuinely excited that I'll have the ability to help shape the way we communicate with college students and others about how God can move through their lives to

be a part of His Kingdom work. I've already connected with several of our national directors as we determine the most fruitful steps to take in the area of sending men and women into His harvest field. The opportunity is encouraging as my team and I will be able to collaborate with many leaders inside of our ministry (here at our World Headquarters, Lake Hart and around the country) and still be in contact with students and field staff.

I am also very tired and feel overwhelmed in many ways. In this place, I am reminded of kind words offered to me a few years ago while I was adjusting to life in Boston, "...the Lord is your Sanctuary." When I wonder where home is, how my needs will be met and what the process will look like, I know that He is with me, going before me and acting as my rear guard. I trust in His goodness, provision and love for me. Home is where He is. I appreciate your prayers as I continue to trust Him to meet me in this place of change.

I truly could not do this without your fervent prayers, generous support and faithful friendship. What a gift you are in my life! It is such a blessing to serve Him with you. Please know that you are celebrated and loved!! Please take note my new contact information below. I will continue to post other ministry updates, prayer requests, blog entries and more on my website and hope to see you there sometime soon! <http://jbottccc.blogspot.com>. **I am so grateful for YOU!!!!**

Thank you for partnering with me so that **every person** can know someone who truly follows **Jesus!**

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