



## MUSINGS IN MINISTRY

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Lovebugs are in the air (quite literally) and that can only mean one thing... Fall is almost here! Strange phenomena to this Colorado girl, these little bugs come around for a short season in the late spring and late summer to usher in the following seasons in Florida. I'm guessing that most of you are experiencing dropping temperatures and the beginnings of changing leaves—all the while, I've been praying that we'd stay below 90 degrees! And such is life down here. ☺

Today, I'm sitting at my desk here at Lake Hart (the global headquarters of Campus Crusade for Christ), looking out on what we call the "Quad"—the grassy area that separates our two main buildings. It's sunny and the flowers are gorgeous! Semester students have returned to campus by now and are well into the swing of things while those in quarter schools are just landing on a university campus near you. We're already hearing reports of God intersecting the lives of students—what an opportunity we have to pray that doors would remain open to the Gospel as students are settling in to campus life again this fall.

Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to talk with Caroline, a student at a local university here in Orlando. We were at our weekly church gathering and after breaking into smaller groups, we shared the areas in life where each person is currently trusting God. She expressed uncertainty about what to do for God. Wanting to have an impact and make the right decision about her major, she was wrestling with this question: What is the *right* choice? As you can imagine, my heart went out to her. I'm always amazed at the similar struggles of students—she wanted to have influence for Christ and was concerned that she'd mess up His plan if she chose her major incorrectly. Two things stood out: one, her sweet desire to choose well in light of her hope to please God; two, lacking a proper understanding of God's heart for her had a crippling effect as she wrestled with her decision.

The Lord provided me with some words to offer her—here's a snippet of what I said, "God loves you, Caroline! He desires to move in and through your life and wherever you go you will have the opportunity, because you know Him, to bring His Kingdom *there!*" I told her that she didn't need to have it all figured out and that the Lord would be with her as she moved forward—her job, I said, was simply listen to Him and walk in obedience. What a beautiful life that would be, yes? (I'll add here that as usual, this was a timely and good reminder for me, too.) Please pray for Caroline and students like her as they make decisions—pray that she would understand God's true heart for her and that she'd rest in Jesus as she sees how trustworthy He is to lead her well.

#### GREAT RESOURCE

I thought you might enjoy perusing a recent site we launched to help equip students. CruPress Green is an incredible resource for our field staff and volunteers (including students and people like you!). Check it out when you have a few minutes and let me know what you think!

<http://www.crupressgreen.com>



#### UPDATES!

- Thank you for your prayers as I tried to figure out where to live by the end of August. The Lord led me to put my things in storage, giving me more time to make a decision. I've been blessed to stay with a number of friends as I've looked at more options. Your continued prayers are appreciated as I continue my Orlando housing search.

So thankful that we're in this together,

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