

Musings in Ministry

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Summer 2006

Can you believe that summer is only weeks away? It's hard to believe how quickly this year is passing! I hope you are doing well and have enjoyed the last month. Things here in Boston are going well. I've recently returned from my trip to Colorado – it was great to see and connect with many of you. God continues to move in my efforts to develop new partners in ministry. I so appreciate your prayers and your faithful and generous support.

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This month, I wanted to take some time to update you on my plans for the summer. While students are away from campus for the summer, I'm on my way back to school! As you may know, Campus Crusade for Christ places a strong emphasis on staff development and growth. One of the areas that we focus on is our theological development and, as a full-time staff member, I am required to complete a basic level of seminary coursework. So, this summer, I will take a four-week hiatus from my support focus to continue moving forward in this area. My courses include:

- Christian Theology: God, Bible and the Holy Spirit
- Old Testament Survey
- Biblical Communication
- Biblical Interpretation

This is an exciting opportunity for me to delve into God's Word with fellow staff members and comprehend more about the amazing God that we serve. I am also encouraged as I think about the growth I will experience in understanding and clearly communicating Biblical principles. It has been quite a while since I have put on my "academic hat" and would greatly appreciate your prayers as I study, write papers and take exams.

I will take two courses in each of the two-week sessions, so the schedule will be demanding, but I am looking forward to it. Additionally, I am eager to see how this summer will move me forward in the work I do on staff. I plan to share more about what I learn with you in August.

The McReynolds Family has Arrived!

Ryan and Alex McReynolds are two of my dearest friends, and Ryan is my boss (pictured on the right with their three kids). We used to be on campus together at CU and two years ago, they accepted a new role here in the Northeast as the Regional Directors of Operations. God has answered our prayers and after waiting for two years to finish developing their team of ministry partners, selling their house and buying one here in the Boston area, they are moving!



Their story of waiting on God is such a testament to what He continues to do here in the Northeast. It has not been an easy wait and often, we have just wondered, "Lord, why?" That said: God has done tremendous things in their family and in the Northeast Region to prepare for this time. They have arrived and will close on their house this week.

God continues to show me that He cares for students in the Northeast. He continues to bring the right people here to accomplish the work at hand. I am excited to have the opportunity to daily work, in person, with these friends and, on a personal note, to have two of my favorite and best friends nearby. I am so grateful.

I pray you are experiencing His love and presence in your life today! Our God is so amazing!

- Jessica