



Campus Crusade for Christ

Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere



Musings in Ministry

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Sitting beneath the shelter of a large white tent, staff from Lake Hart, gathered to give thanks today. Steve Douglass, President of CCC, shared briefly from Philippians 4 and expressed his gratitude for several things that were ‘easy’ to give thanks for and a few that were not. It was a good reminder that God calls us to give thanks in all circumstances. He asked us to take a few moments with the Lord and by faith, give thanks for a current difficulty.

Steve also shared how a ministry partner, currently without work, approached him asking if he had any thoughts on how he might serve during this season. Somehow it came up that this individual had skills in the area of Operations, and as Steve explained this to us, *he lit up* reflecting on the *many* ways this person could be involved in Kingdom work. The present reality is that we lack a strong operational base in many places around the globe, thus hindering our ability to reach every person with the Good News of Christ. Hearing this from the President of CCC made me sit up and pay attention!

Actually, it was quite humbling. In the midst of planning ways to best engage with students that have essential skills to build capacity, making the vision reality, I daily forget the significance. I was reminded to thank the Lord for granting me the ability to solve problems, develop systems, organize chaos, improve processes and communicate these things in a way that helps our ministry move forward. I’m encouraged that together we get to build the Kingdom through Ops!

Receiving



A continued reality for me here on Lake Hart Stint is that I must receive. I am doing about one-third the amount of work I’m used to doing, the team of coaches for our group continue to extend tremendous amounts of grace toward me in our interactions (even at times when I want to say, “Be hard on me! I deserve it! I need to shape up, figure it out, and not think that way...”), and I feel like there is almost a bit too much attention paid to me. ☺

While the margin I’m experiencing releases me from working more, the Lord is using it to bring up areas in my life where he wants to heal and restore me. The process has been painful; in the end, I know it will be for my good. I am thankful during this Thanksgiving season for so many good things; among them, however, I am thankful that the Lord shows goodness in bringing us to uncomfortable places, revealing our sin and brokenness. I’m seeking to well-receive what God has for me here.

I continue to covet your prayers as I trust the Lord in Orlando.

My staff coach, Jodi continues to offer a listening ear and is walking through this process with me. I am thankful.

Giving Thanks for You for so generously and sacrificially partnering with me so that **every person** can know someone who truly follows **Jesus!**

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