



Campus Crusade for Christ

Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere



Musings in Ministry

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Perhaps for the first time since I moved to Boston, spring has arrived! The past couple of weeks have been gorgeous (minus some rain – most New Englanders call this “Mud Season” with good reason) and life has been a bit crazier than I would have imagined in February. If you receive my prayer and praise updates via email, you know that I found myself engaging in an unforeseen root canal in March and seeing a specialist for some stomach issues I’ve been experiencing for the past year or so. Thanks for your prayers, emails and letters. You’ve greatly encouraged me.

In the midst of these circumstances, I’ve had the opportunity to regroup with the Lord and evaluate life and ministry. In the process, I’ve continued my work and have just returned to Boston following three virtually back-to-back events: our women’s conference in early April, Intern Kick-Off Weekend a week later and finally, our Local Leader event last week. It’s been a whirlwind and God has been moving in our region in exciting ways!

One of the joys of being on the regional team is the opportunity I have to see what God is doing from a big picture perspective regarding the Northeast. Here are some exciting developments:

1. For the first time since our region was restructured in 2003, we will have a complete Regional Director Team in the fall. These men and women are responsible for our entire campus ministry in the Northeast and the holes we’re experiencing in leadership will be filled!
2. Also beginning in the fall, we will have a more fully functioning Operations Team as several people are transferring to or newly joining CCC with us at our regional headquarters. This is **incredible** news for our team as I’ve been one of two full-time Ops people for the majority of my four years here. With this growth in our team, I will transition to a slightly modified role: *Conferences & Events Director* and will oversee a team of conferences and events specialists. I will have more freedom to focus on life-giving projects and engage more with our local staff!

3. **CRUgle**. Imagine mapping out in detail each college and university in the Northeast to better understand where to launch movements and send resources. A month ago, a statistician, Sarah, joined our Operations team and has been doing just that. She has taken the data gathered by our local teams and using the mapping tool, CRUgle, to help us understand our next steps. As we trust God to raise up laborers to go into the harvest fields of the Northeast, we want to be faithful in placing teams in locations where they will be most fruitful in reaching students.

Looking at the map, we are able to see ministries launched already in **green** and the unreached campuses in **red**. Our team has been humbled as we’re reminded, by the **sea of red** on the map, of the tremendous work ahead to bring the Gospel to each of the *2.5 million students* in the Northeast. By faith, we trust God to raise up laborers and resources that will enable us to complete the task.

As I have processed these developments myself, I can honestly say that I’m more excited than ever to be here in the Northeast!! You know that I have struggled here in many ways, but God has grown me, too. It’s a blessing to consider all that he is doing in and through our present ministry, but stirring to reflect on what this means for the future.

In a way, I cannot adequately express this in my letter today. God has solidified in my heart that he has called me here and I will remain in Boston indefinitely. The scope of our mission and the reality of the individual lives of the men and women who *have yet* to know Jesus personally move me to walk with the Lord, our team and our staff in this place. Honestly, I just can’t wait to see what he does!!! I’ll be posting additional stories on my website, so please visit: <http://jessicabott.ministryhome.org>!

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

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