

The Sillysheep Pen

Finding the Lost, Binding the brokenhearted



Transition

May 2015

For several months now we have been asking for prayer on a new direction and opportunity that God has surprisingly presented for us to consider. Thank you for your many prayers over the last few months. For Jen and I, after months of prayer and reflection, we are happy to announce that the Lord is indeed leading us to transition to Orlando Florida, as the new Executive Directors of Operations for the campus ministry of Cru in the United States. As Jen and I wrestle with this new reality, we keep telling each other that this is not the way we would have written our own stories. But, as servants, our lives are not our own.



When we first joined staff with Cru 10 years ago, it gave us such joy and delight to learn that our job description was "to give every student at UMass an opportunity to respond to the message Jesus Christ" And over the last 9 years at UMass and the surrounding campuses, it has been a labor of love and our humble ambition to honor that calling. Year after year we sought to preach the gospel and to call others to join us so that every student

and every professor would be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is God's great mercy and our undeserved privilege that we should be a part of God's incredible heart for reaching the lost here at UMass. And we have been delighted to see the fruit that God has given.

Now, as a members of the executive team, Jen and I will be responsible for working towards giving every student and every faculty on every campus in the United States an opportunity to respond to the message of Jesus Christ. You can imagine, how daunting, humbling and overjoyed we might feel at the thought of serving in this new capacity. While we know that this is where the Lord is leading us, we also know with certainty that we can not do this in our own power. We are not clever enough, we are not spiritual enough, we are not educated enough, we are not hard working enough, we are not enough period. It must be a move of the Holy Spirit and our prayer is that we will stay in step with Him.

What this new role will look like for us practically will be to lead the development of systems and infrastructure aimed at protecting, enhancing and accelerating the spread of the gospel using:

- digital strategies for evangelism & discipleship
- retreats and conferences
- financial systems
- legal systems
- overall communications both in message and media.
- and more...

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As our family makes this transition over the summer, (our target date for moving to Orlando is July) we are asking each of you for the following things:



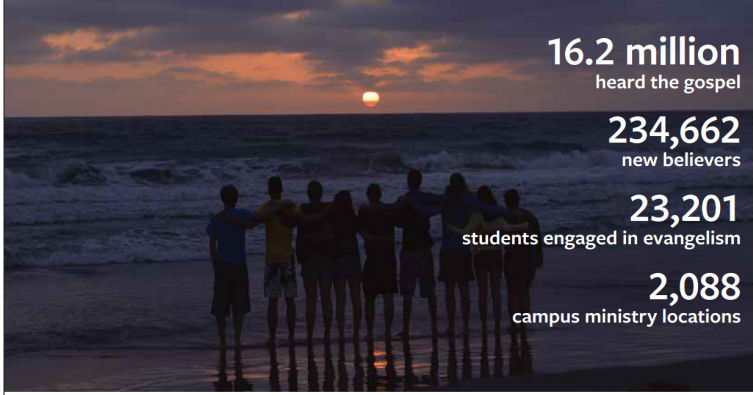
First, keep praying for us. We need your prayers more than ever. We need prayer for the transition for our family. We need prayer for a new community. We need prayer for finding our new home. We need prayer for our children in the adjustment and for our family allergies during the packing and unpacking. We need prayer for a close walk with the Lord so that we can face whatever the enemy will throw our way. We need prayer for wisdom in the new role. We need prayer for God to give us the supernatural faith to pursue the opportunities He will provide for Cru to reach more students than ever before. We will need boldness for the gospel like we've never needed it before. So please, keep praying for us. Join with us as we renew our commitment to prayer for the lost students of the world and our nation in particular.

Second, keep sponsoring us financially. Many have asked us, "As members of the executive team, will you need to continue to raise support?" The answer is "Yes!" Every staff member of Cru is responsible for developing a team of ministry partners who will pray for and financially sponsor their unique calling within the ministry of Cru to fulfill the mission of reaching every student on every campus in the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, over the last several years our financial support has eroded to alarming levels, so a critical step of our preparations for our transition to Orlando is to rebuild our team of financial sponsors. We have been blessed in that we

have never had to interrupt our work here at UMass for financial reasons, but if that had happened, the impact on our work here at UMass could have been devastating. As we move forward into national leadership, we want to do the best we can to avoid such potential risks.

Third, please pray for our students leaders. We are so proud of them as over 30 of them will be stepping up into leadership next year. Like never before our multiple servant teams for our multiple movements will own the mission and calling of reaching every student at UMass. We pray that they will be bold for the sake of the gospel and that the Lord will protect them from the schemes of the enemy.

Lastly, please fill out our contact form. For many of you, our contact information for you is out of date. Over the last 10 years, many of you have moved, changed cell numbers and email addresses. We want to more effectively keep in touch with you. Please take the time to give us your contact information, again. Even if you think we already have your information, please give it to us again. Many times our information is incomplete, because while someone may keep the same email address, they may have changed their phone number or moved to a new home. So please take a minute to fill out this short form at <http://goo.gl/forms/dVUHkyOQRF> to help us better keep in touch with you!



16.2 million
heard the gospel

234,662
new believers

23,201
students engaged in evangelism

2,088
campus ministry locations

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your support this year! (Aug 2013-July 2014)



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