

# The Seed in the Stump

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## How Long, O Lord?

“If someone had told me two years ago that I would be in St. Louis for seven years, I would have been upset,” Abbie confessed last Sunday at our first staff event of the school year. Joe and I met Abbie and her husband, JB, at New Staff Training two years ago. At that time, all four of us thought we would work on the campuses of St. Louis for two or three years then head back overseas to bring the Gospel to students who have no access to it.



Abbie continued, “But six months into ministry here, JB and I thought, ‘There’s no way our time here is a quarter of the way finished.’” I could wholeheartedly relate as I began to reflect on several conversations Joe and I have had over the past year.

We so deeply desire to live cross-culturally for the majority of our lives and share Christ with an unreached people group. One thing that we believe needs to be set in place before we move overseas is a team who is committed to coming with us. We’ve heard of many missionaries who are sent out alone ill-prepared for the hardships they face apart from community. They often come home from the field early...burnt out...feeling defeated. Have you heard stories like this?



Joe regularly asks, “If we were going to move overseas right now, who would you want to come with us?” There are new students on my list every time he asks. In the next couple years, these students we invest in will be graduating. We pray that as they do, some of them will catch this same vision to go and take the Gospel to those who’ve never heard. **Will you pray with us for God to hand-select our future cross-cultural missionary team?**

## Back to Campus

A couple months ago, we asked you to pray for student leaders to be raised up at SLU, Truman, and Webster for next year. As we enter a new school year, we feel more resourced than ever in this area. For the first time, it actually feels like our student leaders might be more excited than we are to start kick-off a new year of ministry! Check out this note written by one of our student leaders (Shae, far right in the photo above) to several of her classmates at Webster.

We are so thankful that we are in a place where we’re beginning to feel rooted with our staff team and with the students. In a way, it feels like we’re stepping onto our campuses this year as “upperclassmen.” We’re familiar with the way things work, we’ve established relationships with faculty and students, and we’re more expectant than ever for the Lord to make Himself known to the lost. **As students step onto campus in the coming weeks, pray with us that He would!**

Shea Holland July 22 at 9:38pm  
So I hope y'all have been praying into Webster because I KNOW God is going to shake up our campus!!! As I have been praying I get the feeling that we need to break the boxes we put God into before we can move forward into what he has for us... Jesus is the only real thing we have to live for once we gave our lives to Him! That to me is so exciting and it is the desire of my heart to share that...  
May the Holy Spirit shake your life radically until we meet again!!!!