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OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL,

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).” With hearts that are counting on the Lord to direct and care for us, we are writing to let you know that **we will be leaving our staff positions with Cru at the beginning of October**, and starting off on a new adventure. Jason will be pursuing a career in engineering (which he studied in college), and we will continue to seek to live and share the gospel with others, but as neighbors and friends, and not campus ministers.

We are leaving Cru with great relationships, with deep sadness as we leave a ministry that we love, and with celebration as we think of the lives we’ve been able to influence for the gospel. Faye has been on staff with Cru for 11 years, and Jason for 8, both since we graduated from college, so it is certainly one of the biggest transitions either of us has ever made.

We have been thinking and praying about our calling here for quite awhile. As we have sought counsel from several people, they have almost unanimously reached the same conclusion with us that this change seems to be the best fit for Jason’s strengths and where we’re at in our life journey. While Jason has really loved the men he’s been able to pour into over the years here, he seems to thrive in environments where he is doing a lot of problem solving and able to see measurable results. We expect that engineering (which he loved while he was studying it) will be a good fit for those giftings, and enable him to be an even more effective minister of the gospel as he lives life alongside co-workers.

Additionally, as many of you know, these last several years have been challenging ones for Jason personally, as well. He has fought hard to be faithful in ministering to others during a time when he has, himself, been working through much discouragement. We, too, are hopeful that a less emotionally intense work environment will leave him more space to continue to work through some of those challenges with the Lord more effectively. We are hoping to stay here in the Hanover/West Lebanon area where we have many good friends who have been an invaluable support to us.



FINANCIAL GIVING

Many of you have partnered with us (some for more than a decade!) in both prayer and financial support. Lives around the world have been changed forever through your investment of prayer and finances in the Kingdom at Brown, at Dartmouth, and through The JESUS Film Project. It has been a great privilege for us to partner with you in spreading the good news about Jesus. Here are some details about how to handle your financial giving going forward:

- Giving Toward Our Ministry: Cru offers staff up to three months of severance pay and medical benefits, as long as we have support coming into our account to cover it. **Therefore, we are asking you to prayerfully continue your regular giving to Cru through the end of December so that we will be able to draw severance income and provide for our family through this transition.** Your method of giving until the end of 2013 would not change, and will be credited to our account. Jason has taken a part-time job for the time being, but we do not yet have full-time employment to support our family; severance income would be a great help to us.
- Giving to Cru in the Future: If you would like to continue giving to support Dartmouth after we leave staff, you may do so by switching your giving to account #2284161. Additionally, there are many wonderful, trustworthy Cru staff (many of whom are our former students!) with whom we would love to connect you if you are interested in transferring your support to a different staff member/ministry. Please let us know what kind of ministry you're interested in and we'll help you make that connection.
- How to Stop/Change Your Giving to Cru: You are responsible for contacting Cru to end your giving or switch to another ministry - we are not able to change your giving for you, including stopping it at the end of the year. If you wish to continue to support us through the end of 2013 so we can receive the full severance pay, and
 - you have automatic bank or credit card debit: please call Cru's Donation Services at 1-888-CRUSADE and tell them to end your giving at the end of December, or do it yourself at <http://gillespie.give.cc>.
 - you give manually each month (not an automatic payment): simply do not write any more checks (or make any more online payments) after December 31, 2013.

OUR CURRENT STATUS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Jason is looking for a job in engineering in our local area, and though he's had some leads, has nothing secure yet. We are hoping very much to stay here where we have a loving and supportive church family. Faye is currently planning to stay home with Isaiah, particularly because we are expecting baby #2 in February. We are both hoping to stay involved in the Cru Dartmouth ministry as volunteers.

Some prayer requests:

- For God to provide a job for Jason that can support our family financially, that is challenging and enjoyable, and that it would be soon!
- For God to keep Faye and the new baby healthy as he/she grows
- For God to help us to transition well emotionally - we want to grieve leaving Cru well, and find our hope in Christ as we look toward the future
- For the Cru Dartmouth ministry: it has gone through a major transition these last months, in both the staff team and student leadership, and we need God to lead and invigorate staff and students as they begin the school year

It has been a joy and gift to minister with you these last many years. Thank you for partnering with and standing alongside us. We continue to welcome both your prayers for us and any questions you have, and would love to keep in touch with you as we head into this new life stage. We'll write again next month to celebrate what God has done through your partnership during our 19 years of staff life with Cru.

With love in Christ,



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