

HOLLIDAY ADVENTURES

FOUR MOVES, FOUR WEEKS



On August 1st, Jaclyn and I drove up to NYC in a cargo van to move her into her new apartment in Harlem, just blocks away from the famed Apollo Theater. She'll be living with her best friend from college, and she got a job hosting at a Sushi restaurant while she begins to audition for acting roles.

I came home from New York to continue the process of moving my mom out of her home and into an independent living complex. Our garage became temporary storage for much of her furniture that was being passed on to her granddaughters :)

Then in the middle of August, we moved Emma into her apartment just off campus at the University of Florida. She is rooming with four friends, and the complex definitely caters to college students, complete with a large video screen poolside to watch the Gators on game day :)

We closed out August moving Edline into an apartment in Miami, where she'll room with two girls she connected with online. She started work at a hair salon a few days after moving in, and will go to cosmetology school.

CONNECTING AGAIN

One of the downsides of being decentralized is that Covid has prevented our Sonlife Team from gathering together in person since January 2020. Our Exec Leadership Team was able to meet for strategic planning in Philadelphia August 9-12, where Board member Mike Harder hosted us. Covid definitely created logistical challenges for Calvin Russell to join us from Toronto, but meeting together in person definitely beats staring at a Zoom screen.

Throughout the Summer, most of our Sonlife team was able to once again lead in person training events or speak at camps or youth conferences. While we continue to improvise, adapt, and overcome in the midst of covid, it's great to have the opportunity for more in person ministry.

In between all our August moves, I also made a quick trip up to Cleveland for the funeral of the brother of one of our Sonlife staff. On short notice, I was able to connect with our newest staff person, Valerie, who joined the Sonlife team in the midst of Covid. We've only connected over Zoom to this point, so it was great to meet her in person finally. We met up with youth pastor Scott Price, who treated us to an Indians game. It was fun to connect Scott and Val so they can begin to work together on some training initiatives in the Cleveland area.



Doug with Josh Yates & Calvin Russell making their Rocky poses in Philly.

Doug with Scott Price & Valerie O'Brien meeting together at an Indians game in Cleveland.

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

-PHILIPPIANS 1:4-5

We're so grateful for your faithful prayer, love, and support! We pray for you, that the Father would pour out His grace, mercy, favor, and blessing on you and your family. We pray that you would know the joy of His presence, the power of His Spirit, and intimacy with Jesus. We pray that the passion of your First Love burns brightly as you follow the Savior with your whole heart!

Serving Christ together,

Doug & Jennifer