

"If you can't give up the little things in life to follow me, and trust me in areas like support raising, then how can you trust me in the bigger things, like your future and your life?" Those are the very words I heard him say to me as I sat in a main session at my 5th Epic Conference and here almost 3 years later, I battle with the same question. As I reflect back on this journey of joining staff with Cru, I have seen the Lord provide in amazing ways. He has never given me reason to doubt His provisions, His goodness, or His faithfulness. I know that He will continue to provide if this is still what He is calling me to. These are my real thoughts and areas I need prayer over as the summer is winding down...

I find myself once again getting ready to start the new school year and looking back on an amazing year, He has used each and everyone of you to provide the means necessary for me to serve full time. This past year has proven to bear much fruit, both in my own personal relationship with the Lord and in ministry. Because of you, God has been able to equip me, to train me, and to use me. Because of you, I have been able to grow and learn what it means to fully trust and depend on Him and Him alone. Because of you, I have seen the Lord raise local movements all over the island of Oahu. I have been able to see young college students lives transformed by the gospel, who desire to reach a broken and lost world. I've been able to be a part of life change in young women who now seek the Lord with their own fire and passion, who live their lives not of this world! Because of you, I have been able to experience the love of Jesus.

To be honest, I've wrestled with where to go after this next year with Cru. I've wrestled with the idea of leaving staff to go back to teaching. I miss my students and the families I've had the chance to work with. I miss the lesson planning and decorating my classroom. I miss having a consistent schedule with normal work hours. I miss not having to raise financial support. But, ultimately, I want to be obedient to what He is calling me to and am praying that He would reveal more in this next year.

Being home from Japan the past 3 weeks, I've really been able to take a step back and just be refreshed and refocused on God's heart in ministry. I always laugh because when I'm ready to dig out, He always puts me in places of opening my eyes to see things the way He does. Why? Even now, as I write this update, I know that God is speaking so clearly that what He is asking me to do is to pour into this next generation of young people. What that looks like I'm not sure, but for now, I really believe that He is saying whatever you do, I want you to continue living your life as an example... to be set apart for me. So, I continue on, obeying and trusting in His calling for me, even if it isn't what I have planned for myself. But, ultimately, it's not about me.

Thankfully, the Lord has graciously provided for me this past year and I really can't complain. But, due to different circumstances of previous donors, I am in the place of needing to raise about \$1500 a month to be able to continue serving full time on campus. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with me this next year and trust the Lord to provide. *Will you consider joining my team by committing to partner with me by giving \$50, \$100, \$200, or some other amount <u>each month? For those of you already partnering with me, will you consider increasing your current support?</u> Without each of you, none of this would be possible and I want you to know that the eternal impact you are making is significant. Please seriously pray about this and if you would like to be a part of my team or receive monthly newsletters, please email me back and let me know. I am forever grateful for everyone of you and look forward to sharing how the Lord will work this next school year. Thank you for all your prayers... without those, none of this would be possible!*

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