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Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you from my front porch on this beautiful summer day. Finally, I can fill you in on things with my role with Cru. In the reorganization we have broken up the regions and made smaller groupings we are calling cohorts. Each cohort has 2 leaders called **Local Missions Director**. **I am leading the New England cohort with Mike Bost.**

Mike and I have a great working relationship and are very happy to be working together in this new way. In recent years, he has been doing work most similar to what we will be doing in this role. Whereas for me, it will be a very different kind of work. This new role takes advantage of my recent leadership experience as well as my field experience from my first 18 years on staff. I did some pretty unique work during that time, that equips me to lead in this role now. Really, it's a great combination. It feels funny to say, but I think **my best days with Cru are ahead of me**. It's exciting!

Our responsibilities include shepherding and leading the 9 sets of team leaders currently in New England. Of course, we will need to seek the Lord in prayer and also formulate strategies to reach students and faculty beyond our current movements. One of the big reasons we have reorganized is to help us keep pressing forward with the gospel in places we are not. Our hope and prayer is that every student and faculty member would be within the reach of a witnessing community.

In addition to being excited about this new leadership opportunity, and working with Mike, **I am excited that I can stay in my home, church, and community**. As you know, in the winter I surrendered everything to the Lord willing to follow Him wherever He would lead. As the winter progressed into spring I began to sense that my greatest contribution in my church and community would be in the coming years, and that perhaps God was going to provide a role I could do from here. However, I didn't know how the Cru executive leaders were thinking about me until I began to have all those conversations in June. I was so encouraged as I interacted with the Executive Leaders and heard them be excited for me to stay here to lead in New England.

I have been so affirmed in this whole process - from the Executive Leaders, my peers, my LD Team, and the team leaders and staff we have served in the region. Although it has been a very long time of waiting and wondering, it has also been a very affirming and confirming process. I see God's hand of guidance and blessing in my life. I'm very grateful.

Thank you for being in this process with me. I've needed all the prayers and encouragement you and others have given me along the way.

Excited about the future,

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