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Dear Friends,

The cups represent people and various kinds of things we celebrated as a Leadership Development Team (LD) during our LD May Days earlier this month. We celebrated new staff reporting to their campuses, helping individuals be on the right teams, forward progress in some difficult team situations, the greater care our team has been able to provide, the short-term international team (STINT) in the Middle East, the hugely successful New Your City mid-year get-away, new people coming into the region -- and so much more.

One of my focuses for the year has been on bringing senior staff into our region to fill critical roles. We still have a long way to go - but I am thrilled to share briefly about the 6 new people who have joined us.

Mike and Sarah are officially new to our Northeast Leadership Development Team - working from NY City. They bring a volume of experience and expertise in executive coaching, leadership, being good spokespeople for NYC, counseling, and the list goes on.

Steve and Robin are moving to NY City to lead the Operational side of things. Our field teams have been running their own fall retreat, hosting spring break trips for people to come to NY from around the country and so much more. We are finally able to supply them with experts to lead these and other Operations type functions in the city.

Alex and Katie are moving from Orlando to Syracuse, NY. They come with 5 years of campus ministry experience to join our team leaders, John and Bonnie Yelverton, in reaching the students and faculty at this strategic campus.

Each of these represent answers to prayer!!

Speaking of bringing senior staff into the region, **one big event coming up in October is a NY City vision trip.** Working with the regional leaders around the country we are inviting senior staff into New York City for a few days asking them to consider moving there. We have 14 people who have agreed to come, so far. We expect to have in the mid-30's. **This next week or so we are trying to finalize those who are being invited and will be attending. Please pray for me as I work on this. Also, please pray for me and the others (Mike, Jim, Ansley, Bob, and Jonathan) planning this event.**

Grateful to the Lord!

Liz

PS In my 30 years on staff I haven't had a summer to stay at home and do my normal Cru role, until now. I am staying in Reading, MA (mostly) to work on the many things in the Leadership Development arena that I can't get to during the busyness of the school year. Also, there are many LD things to attend to in the summers anyway - I have been doing these amidst my other summer responsibilities in recent years.

Mom will be with me in MA for a month :)

