

Last night Tess shared her testimony with a group. She told them how angry she was at God when her sister died. Her anger was evident on March 1st, the first night I met her at Griefshare. Over the weeks Tess' heart toward God began to soften and I could tell she was ready to begin doing a Discovery Bible Study (DBS) with me. Our first DBS we looked at the Prodigal Son, John 3, and I shared a bit of my story with her. The next week at Griefshare she told me she had accepted Christ. Since then (the end of May) she has read through the New Testament twice, met with me each week for our Discovery Bible Study, and begun to share with others what God is doing in her life.

At Griefshare she mentioned how she was afraid of dying, now she is not. She was a very closed person and now she smiles at people and happily greets her neighbors. "They probably wonder what has happened to me," she said to me today.

It's been such a privilege to be part of her journey. It's been fun trying this new Discovery Bible Study method with her (and I just started with Nora, too). We had some training in my church and I think it could be helpful with students and faculty on campus. It is so very simple and yet effective in getting others in the Word of God, discovering for themselves what God says. It's been fun to be doing it with Tess, as I learn and consider introducing DBS to staff and students.

## Work hasn't stop

Although, we are in an organizational change process with Cru, my work hasn't stopped. I've been busy with conversations about where our new staff will be placed, who will be leading the W. Suburbs team in Boston, how to set up the process for identifying our leaders for 2018 Summer Missions, and lots of other topics.

Also, I have been inviting new people to become financial partners. I have 5 new monthly/quarterly partners and 5 people who have given special gifts. Please pray for 10 more new monthly/quarterly partners.

Next month, I'll join the rest of the US Cru Staff for our biennial staff conference in Colorado. It will be a great time for vision, focus, direction, and moving ahead in partnership with the body of Christ.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts. You make what I do possible.

I am grateful for you.

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## Update about my new role

Two days ago I was officially offered my new role in Cru. What for me began as a dream of a general way I'd like to contribute in the reorganization, became a specific job over the past 4 weeks. I've talked to different executive leaders and with each one we concluded the same role would be my best contribution. Next month I'll share with you what it is. The Executive Directors have asked us to wait in telling the news so they can share the whole picture when we meet in Colorado next month.

As excited as I am about my new role, there are a few things I will miss. One is the group of women pictured above, Leadership Development Leaders around the country. We formed meaningful friendships from our time together. Another is my regional LD team.

Although there are some difficult good-byes, I'm excited for the new chapter that will soon begin.