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Dear Friends,

Have you had favorite parts to your job? I hope so. I'm looking forward to our new school year starting and connecting with our leaders in person. The personal connection is significant and something I love and, I think, they are glad for. I like driving, too, so I am happy going to Connecticut, Western Massachusetts, and even up to Bangor, Maine.

The first of these visits is July 30th. During these personal coaching times, we'll begin with a meal together so we can get caught up a bit personally. We want to hear about their summer ministry and how they are doing as a new school year begins. Being in the front lines of ministry is difficult, so it makes sense for Mike and I to check in with them about how they are doing. We will come prepared to share vision and our priorities as they specifically relate to them. We will also hear from them about their team priorities and the leaders' focuses.

Please pray for our preparation and connections.

Another part of my job that I love is connecting with you, my ministry partners. In a very fast 10 days, I visited with 25 different ministry partners and traveled 700 miles. It was wonderful to connect in person with so many. Every month, you hear from me and I share prayer requests with you. It's nice for me to get caught up more with your world and prayer requests, too. Those I didn't get to see, maybe we should have a video or phone call sometime. Please let me know if you'd like to do that.

Coming up later this month, my family is all gathering for a weekend. My sister and her husband are hosting us. There will be 30+ of us, so tents are involved. I hope you are enjoying the summer.

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. I hope you know how much it matters that you are in this with me. Every time I look at my Cru staff account and see the list of who has given, I am filled with a sense of awe, appreciation, and humility.

Because God so loved the world,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Liz".



On my recent DE trip, Colleen, a high school friend, and I had a walk in Longwood Gardens. Pictured here is the Italian Water Garden.



Taken from the other end, here's a picture from when I was in the same gardens as a little girl. Back in the day, we were able to actually walk among the garden and the fountains.