Dear Friends, July 9, 2019

The need for leadership:

"To move ahead in rapidly changing times and culture, we need an ever-increasing pool of men and women who will stand in the gap between God and students. Men and women who are true spiritual leaders, living and leading out of an intimate and growing relationship to Christ, inviting others to faith in Christ, and imploring them to bring that life changing message to a dying world." These words come from an article introducing Cru's Leadership Framework which has formed the basis of our training with the new team leaders this summer.



My trainees: Sharon, me Cole, Matt, Ben

They are all team leaders in New England. It has been wonderful to invest in them this summer and to deepen our relationships.

For this 4-week training we used all different means for equipping our new team leaders - coaching group, learning activity, one-on-one, discussion, reading, lecture and more.

Our goal has been to equip them in how to think, lead, plan, and solve problems. We have not told them what to do. These new leaders are the very people who, with their teams, are the best ones to figure out how to most effectively reach students and faculty today and help them grow to become multiplying disciples.





Lunch out in Fort Collins

Me, Cole, Matt, Malisa, Brian, Ben, Mike, Marie, Andrew, and Sharon

Those of us at the New Team Leader Training from New England. Malisa, Brian, Mike and I have been trainers this summer.

Camaraderie and learning from each other help make our ministry more effective and fun, too. So great to take advantage of time together over a meal.



Stephanie was a student with me in Wildwood in 2001. So great to connect with her again. She is a new team leader at Oregon State University.

It's been more than 10 years since I last directed the Wildwood Summer Mission but the legacy lives on in people.



Out for a walk in Fort Collins, CO

I've loved being one of the coaches this summer; it's been a great fit for me as well as a wonderful opportunity. Next week I'm on vacation; visiting a good friend. Then we have our big biennial Cru staff conference.

Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts that make a difference in people knowing Jesus because these leaders are equipped. I'm grateful for you.

Because of God's great love,



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