

# The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Partner,

Sarah and Amanda were not Christ followers when they arrived to study at the UW-Madison 6 years ago. They came from a broken home and no church background. Though both had tried to find happiness and fulfillment in many things, Amanda and Sarah ultimately put their faith in Christ through our ministry. It's my privilege to be able to interact weekly with these God-honoring twins.

Amanda (on the right) grew in her faith through Cru and her local church, led and discipled several women, and served as an intern on our team after she graduated. This year I'm co-leading a great group of juniors with Amanda as she continues to volunteer with our ministry. We're guiding them through a study called *The Gospel-Centered Life*. It's so important for them to understand that we, as Christians, need the Gospel just as much as non-Christians do. What a joy to watch them grow in their knowledge of God and His holiness while they grow in their understanding of their own sin and brokenness.



Sarah also was transformed by God through Cru. She helped lead a trip to East Asia after the Lord broke her heart for those who don't know Him and haven't had many opportunities to hear the Good News. Sarah joined the full-time staff of Cru last summer and it is now my privilege to work with her as her New Staff Coach. I took on this new HR role this year. My mission is to encourage and equip these new staff, as they raise their initial support, to be Christ-centered, fully funded and financially faithful so that they can get to their campuses and bring the Good News to college students who are lost without Him. The best news is Sarah has been assigned to our team, right back here in Madison!

As a side note, Sarah and Amanda were very instrumental in helping with the program at our annual Christmas Conference, TCX, last week. It was so fun to see these sisters working together and using their gifts and passions to help fulfill the Great Commission in this generation.



Some of the junior women Amanda and I are leading this year.

I told my kids the other day that if I could freeze time right now, I would. Not forever, of course, but for awhile. Some seasons of life are just so much fun, and we're in one of those. The girls (ages 9 and 7) are doing great, loving school, playing violin, piano and basketball. Evan (3) loves all things with wheels, balls, and superheroes. And his best friend, Will.

We're in a parenting sweet spot. All of our kids have a growing desire to know Him. Even Evan talks a lot about God. The other day he said to me, "Even if you don't see me, God does, right?" That was just after he got into his favorite "hiding" spot behind the couch with a package of Christmas chocolates. :) That is a great lesson to internalize!

As the kids grow and become more independent, there is also the fringe benefit of being able to engage more in ministry on campus. This year I've been discipling two students as well as training staff and intern women on our team here in Madison. They are a joy to work with.

This month I'll begin coaching staff around the region as we process Intern applications. We're always praying in accordance with Jesus in Luke 10:2, that the Lord will send out workers into His harvest field. The harvest is plentiful! And it's exciting to see students of this generation eager to serve and surrender their own goals, dreams and desires to follow where He leads.

We're also very excited about the potential of opening up a new partnership location in a very key place. Pray for direction as Scott (potentially even Scott and I), embarks on a scouting trip in March to a few highly strategic cities in the Middle East. (More details to come at a later date.)

It seems impossible to say adequately enough how much we appreciate you and your partnership in the Gospel. Together we are seeing lives changed and the Gospel ring out in Madison and beyond, to the ends of the earth.

Love,

*Bonnie Roe*

PS Last March we asked for prayer for Julia for an MRI laser treatment of facial telangiectasia. It was postponed until yesterday. Both went well and now we await the results of the MRI which was ordered because of her headaches.

PPS We'd still like you to fill out our short communication survey at [ScottandBonnie.com](http://ScottandBonnie.com) which we posted last March if you haven't.



It was another awesome, life-changing TCX Conference with 149 students giving up some of their Christmas break to attend from the Madison area!