

The Roe's Hatch

August 7, 2015

Dear Partner,

I (Bonnie) always love the excitement of the fall—a new blank slate for ministry. This year it feels a little too blank as we're losing some of our most senior staff as well as some other really good ones. We face the challenge of keeping current things spinning while continuing to take new ground in the midst of loss.

Adam Penning has been leading alongside Scott for the past 8 years. His wife, Alicia, and I have traded off many childcare hours. She'd take Evan at least once a week so I could do some ministry on campus and I'd do the same for her. Needless to say, Evan and their sons became best of friends. Currently their family is moving to New York City to help lead a team of staff to reach the students of Manhattan.

On a positive note, several new staff and a competent intern have just reported. A couple more are working on their support teams and hope to join us soon. There is excitement in the air over this new team, and we are believing God for big things. We welcome your prayers as our team kicks off with a cabin retreat August 11-13.

In light of these changing needs, I am stepping back into a director role alongside Scott. I'm excited to return to this role, which I enjoyed for 9 years before spending more time at home mothering little kids. It will be fun to talk together and set direction for the ministry again. In light of this, I am phasing out of my role as Ministry Partner Development coach for new staff.

As usual, we enjoyed our biannual National Staff Conference in Ft. Collins, Colorado. There was a big focus on the challenging issues of racial diversity that is plaguing our nation. Our hearts were touched and broken for the pain and discrimination so many of our ethnic minorities have felt, even by us as believers. We returned home with an even greater heart to see the Lord work among ethnic minority pockets on campus. We realize that only through Christ is there true unity and we long for the day when we will all be gathered around the throne of God as one.

Our family enjoyed a bonding time of camping our way home from our conference along with another staff family we've grown to love after spending last sum-



Every two years Cru USA is challenged in Moby Arena.



Guest presenter John Perkins is legendary for his work with racial issues.



The stories of natives and other ethnic minority staff brought sorrow and hope.



Francis Chan charged us to pursue Christ as we ambitiously pursue Mission.

mer with them on the North Myrtle Beach summer mission. We camped in the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone and near the Black Hills. We were so in awe of the beauty of creation through the geographical features and all the wildlife we saw. Our first camping trip with the kids was a huge success! They were great sports, spending 6 nights in one tent together.

We abandoned camp one late afternoon to outrun a hail storm and came back to find golf-ball sized holes in the camping supplies tub we'd left outside. The tent was still standing and the weather was beautiful the rest of our trip. You can see a photo of the inspiring double rainbow that appeared as the storm passed.

As always, we are so grateful for your partnership in the gospel, which allows us to do what we love doing.

Scott & Bonnie Roe

- ⇒ *Please pray for the 10,000+ freshmen who are preparing to move in our campuses in a couple weeks. Pray for willing hearts ready to hear the Good News of Jesus.*
- ⇒ *Please pray for a strong start to the year as our new staff team and returning student leaders and volunteers begin to assemble and prepare for the year ahead.*
- ⇒ *Praise God for the many students who participated in missions this summer. The picture below is from the Cru mission trip to Tanzania which included some of our high school and college students. They reported seeing hundreds of Africans respond to the gospel!*
- ⇒ *Bonnie will now be skipping our staff retreat to be with her dad who has surgery scheduled on Aug 12 to clear his carotid artery. Prayers welcome.*
- ⇒ *Pray Jesus is always our family's first love.*



Very timely to have UW-Madison alumnus, Adam Go, take the reigns as the new U.S. Ethnic Field Ministries Director.



A highlight is seeing many of the UW alumni serving in various Cru ministries, including some who joined this summer.



Double-rainbow over Deadwood, S.D.



Our kids enjoy fishing.