

This month, we interviewed our friend Alex Welsh, a Cru at OU alum, about how he has been "sent" into the work place. It is our vision that God will send out graduates like Alex all over the world to help fulfill The Great Commission through their professions!

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1. What do you do for work?

I am a business analyst in the project management department at a wellness incentive company called Bravo Wellness. My job is to help manage projects and make sure we plan them out really well so they will succeed.



Alex, Business Analyst at Bravo Wellness, and former Cru at OU alum.

3. How do you live out your faith at work?

2. While in college, how did you experience the Lord's leading you into that career?

It's a funny story. His first move was to lead me OUT of the business college and into video game design, which is what my degree is in. Then he led me BACK into business when I graduated so he could teach me a lot, professionally and personally. I'm still waiting for the career transition into professional game development to happen. When I picked this job, I picked it because it was very obvious that it was God's provision for me. Ultimately, the Great Commission is a perspective that shapes what I do wherever I go. So, I let God tell me where to go, and I try to love people and share my story with the

people around me wherever that is.

My goal every day is to try to make other people feel cared for and encouraged when I talk with them, no matter who they are and what they believe. I've had some cool conversations with a couple of coworkers who are working through what they believe. I often invite people to my small group or to a video game night so we can build community and have more personal conversations there. The major thing I do is try to ask questions that dig at people's hearts, to help them process through their experiences and how they relate to God.



CoJourners, a tool we use to equip students to take their faith to the work place.

4. What advice would you offer to another Christian professional who was seeking to integrate their faith and their work more fully?

The first thing you can do is serve those around you. Then, when you get the chance, ask questions and (here's the trick) care about their answers AND be okay with their answers. Everyone has wounds that need to be unearthed, and only Christ can heal them, so that's the opportunity to really share God.

5. Why do you think it's important to train young people to be "sent" into the workforce?

When 80+% of people end up there, it's a no-brainer. The workplace looks nothing like a mission field where people are open about their dire need of physical, emotional, and spiritual attention. People still have those needs, but they are hidden on the inside, behind layers of professionalism and other things that make those needs much less obvious. However, unconditional love has a way of getting past those things over time. Learning how to navigate those spaces is vital, and it's something I'm still learning.

'Til the whole world knows,

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Prayer Requests for The Selways for April

the mission field!

Stick this card anywhere that will remind you to pray!

1. For all Cru at OU alum, that the Lord would continue to use them in the workplace to help fulfill The Great Commission.

2. For our current seniors. Pray that they would have a strong sense of calling into their new careers, and they would live out their calling to be "fishers of men" wherever they go.

3. For our staff, that we would continue to follow God's leading to best prepare our students to be "sent" after graduation, whether into the market place or 4. Please continue to pray for us as we work to gather our team of ministry partners. Pray that God would direct us to those that He has ordained to be on our team, and that we would be able to report to campus in the fall.

If we can be praying for you in any way, please let us know! 937-657-0694/emily.selway@cru.org