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## Matt's Cuba Trip

Imagine a life in which you think twice about every drop of water. You either boil it, which takes time and money, or resign to drinking bacteria that makes you and your children sick. That's a reality for many in developing countries like Cuba. It's one thing to learn about the global water crisis. It's a whole new reality when you see and experience it firsthand. Cru now has a partnership with "Filter of Hope" whose mission is to provide clean drinking water while sharing the "living water" of Jesus.



Matt traveled to Cuba Jan 3-7 for a short vision trip. Each trip aims to meet physical needs with clean water, and spiritual needs by sharing the gospel during the same visit. My team, which included local church members and translators, saw amazing things happen!

The last home we visited, God's Spirit was really at work. When we first started sharing, there was resistance. As my friend Dave shared and we prayed for open hearts, a spirit of repentance developed. As we joined hands to lead a prayer of salvation, the mother was crying and thanking us for coming. What a privilege to be used by God!

We're hoping to bring student-athletes and coaches on this trip in the future. College students today are concerned with social and humanitarian issues. **This type of trip is unique because we do both "Great Commandment" and "Great Commission" work at the same time**. Cru and AIA ministries find that students come back to campus more excited to share their faith with friends! Pray for wisdom and momentum for future trips.



## Prayer for Spring Semester

As we move into a new semester, we are continuing to trust the Lord for a movement of disciples among athletes. As students get back on campus and into busy schedules, *would you pray they make their walk with Jesus a top priority*? Pray for God's Spirit to give our staff wisdom as we seek to lead small discipleship groups (3-5 students). Our prayer is these groups will become a catalyst for spiritual multiplication among the athletic departments across Indianapolis. It's a big dream that we need God to show up and move forward! **Thank you for praying and giving financially so we can focus on this missionary work.** We cherish your partnership and thank God for you!

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The kids love our Costco runs to stock up on food for ministry events!

## Family & Kid Update from Jenny



Caleb LOVES all types of trucks, and construction sites are great entertainment! He was a fire truck for Halloween (homemade costume) and we had fun with neighbor kids!



This past summer, not long after Caroline arrived, I started meeting with Alli from XC. Alli is a mature believer, committed to discipleship group, and eager to grow! She loves our kids during training nights in our home!

Caroline is nine months! We are grateful for her flexibility, joy, and smile. We discovered God gave her a strong spirit as the first eight months were a battle for sleep. We are praying God will use that strength to build His kingdom!





In early November we were vividly reminded that God sustains and protects our kids. Caleb had a serious fall but only minor injuries as a result. Praise God! Students helped us by caring for Caroline while we were at the ER. We have a family "Manna Jar" (Exodus 16) where we collect reminders of God's faithfulness. This definitely made the jar!

After 14 years of singleness, longing to have a family of my own, my heart overflows with gratitude for this season of motherhood! I'm being intentional with neighbors, especially other moms, by starting spiritual conversations. We often encourage our students to "live missionally" amongst their teammates, so I'm trying to practice what we preach! THANK YOU for praying for Matt and I as we shepherd the hearts of our kids. Making disciples of our own kids is hard work, but worth it!

Also, pray as I lead a discipleship group this semester with five women — all spiritual captains on lacrosse, swim, soccer, and cross country.