

# Burkey Beacon



Ministry at Cru Headquarters

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Dear friend,

One of my first assignments at our headquarters was to lead a devotion for 58 international missionaries who were joining long-term staff with Cru. They were coming back from all over the world, after serving for a year or two, and decided they wanted to sign up for more! It was so great to encourage them from God's Word and also to hear their stories; the ups and downs of their first years of ministry.

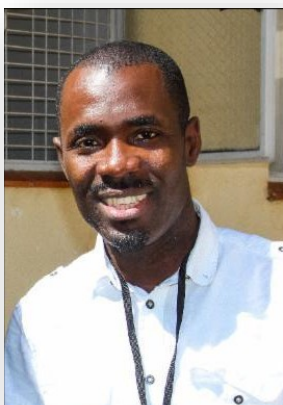
One guy's story sounded terrible. Let's call him Joe. Joe served in one of the most beautiful cities in Western Europe. He was a photographer and was serving the Lord in photojournalism at ministry locations across Europe and Northern Africa. Yet he experienced problems with finding a place to live, hours of commute to work every day, all female teammates, micromanaging landlords, isolation, conflict, and you name it...it was a super hard year. I felt so bad for him because of his experience. I literally asked him, why in the world is he joining staff long-term and going back? Overlooking all the hardship, he simply said, **"What could be better? I am serving in a job that I love, for the sake of the gospel, for the people I love."** I used to say God's calling is where your greatest joys and the world's greatest needs meet. He found a really good fit and regarding the hardships, he feels like he can even make a difference there to help others never have those experiences.



It was a privilege to be amongst them and have a part in building them up and sending them out again.

## The Unique Strategy of Cru's International School Project (ISP)

In December, Kunche traveled from Ghana to Kenya and facilitated a small group at the ISP DreamMakers conference. There he saw firsthand how the ISP strategy works. Teachers not only receive the helpful curriculum, but they connect with other teachers with similar concerns. As the teachers form communities, they work together to spread not only the ISP tools but more importantly, the gospel. As teachers, students, and parents encounter Christ, societies are transformed.



Kunche said after his involvement, "I've been wondering how would I be able to change the mindset of my people? Now, God has attached me to ISP to bring this vision that He has put into my heart to reality in Ghana through the conferences and other activities organized by ISP. **I will go back to Ghana to dedicate the rest of my life to teaching teachers all over the country, encouraging them to be teachers of impact and then, working with kids and parents around me, we will be able to change our mindset."**

Amy and I would like to both encourage you to be a part of the Great Commission locally, however you can, and thank you for your partnership with us to that end. We are excited to serve at Cru International Headquarters as The Lord prepares us to help reach teachers through ISP. **PLEASE PRAY for us** to walk with Jesus and follow His leading each and every day. We commit to do the same for you. In the Gospel of John, Jesus offers himself as living water, the bread of life, the way, the gate, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, the promised Messiah and the great I AM. He satisfies our hungers and thirsts; our needs and our desires, as we join in His purposes.

***Thank you so much for your partnership! Adam & Amy***