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Ministry at Cru Headquarters

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Dear friend,

It has been nine months since we left Macedonia. We have two more months in Florida, serving at Cru headquarters before moving to Ohio to begin our new ministry with Cru. Time is flying! Speaking of time lapses, Lauren, our eldest child, is graduating from high school this year and has chosen to go to Asbury University this Fall! We better be good at doing transition, because they just keep coming.

Lake Hart Stint Program:

This time last year, Amy and I were preparing to come home with 3 kids from 14 years serving in the country of Macedonia. It was a difficult transition for us and maybe even you, as you were following and participating in what God was doing in Macedonia. Amy and I felt Macedonia was ready and it was time to hand our roles over to Macedonians fully. We were praying a lot that our kids would transition to life in the USA well, and that they would not be an unfortunate casualty of our family changing ministry assignments.

The Lord has used the Lake Hart Stint program (LHS) to enable us all to transition well by giving us the space to focus on two things: reflecting on the past and planning for the future. Our children were able to utilize missionary kid groups offered through LHS to help them connect with others like them, helping them to feel normal, which is essential for teens. It also has helped them appreciate their uniqueness. Amy and I both receive excellent personal coaching and have benefited from walking through a few strength and spiritual gifting assessments. Along with coaching, they help us choose our future assignment wisely. We have really become friends with our coaches because of their care and investment in us. I didn't even know I needed it, but their caring investment really gave me a feeling of validation. It tells me that I am valued and important to both the Lord and our organization. The Lord has been good to us and we are getting ready to go serve Him in field ministry again.

The big question now is WHAT FIELD? After we continued talking with the leadership of the International School Project we realized that we could not do that and live in Central Ohio. We feel called by the Lord at this time to be near Adam's parents so we opened up the discussion again to how the Lord might use us best from Alexandria, Ohio. We still don't have an answer. We have been investigating seven Cru ministries that we can do from Central Ohio. Each one of them have their unique benefits. Yet, one has not stood significantly above the rest. Honestly, we like several of our options. It's a good place to be, but **we need your prayers** for us to find a great fit. Not just filling a need, but finding something we are both gifted in. We know our strengths and weaknesses now and need discernment to choose the role that we will most thrive in and can bear much fruit.

In our roles here at Cru HQ, among other things, Amy and I recently evaluated 4 applicants who we approved to join full time staff. It is a privilege for us to see God's hand as He weaves their story and recognize His call for them to



Special visit from our high school youth pastors!

build spiritual movements with Cru. We both also participated in a one week Apologetics course, which was very helpful in understanding how to better defend our faith in our current American culture. This week, Amy received training at a Coaching workshop to better hone her skills of listening and asking great questions to help others move forward in God's will for their lives. We are grateful for the opportunities to grow and develop we have experienced here this year. Thank you for making this year of transition and development possible.

You are such a blessing to us! Adam & Amy Burkey



Adam's Parents visiting us at Cru HQ