



The Knox News

from Mike & Sheryl serving with Cru

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Dear Friend,

“You will do greater works than I (Jesus) have done” is described in John 14:12. What an outrageous promise! *Outrageous Promises* by David Robinson is also the title of the book that I (Mike) am currently reading. It marks, like a pile of stones, the amazing doors that God opened to Cru in a former communist Soviet-bloc country. It tells the story of collaboration between the GOVERNMENT, the POLICE, and the CHURCH which led to hundreds of thousands of gospel exposures, thousands of changed lives and mobilized Believers. It also shows how God responds to the outrageous prayers of people who trust Him to make a way, as they step through those doors with a willing faith...even using the AIDS crisis to lead to the Gospel being included in Hungary’s high school curriculum and taught nationally!

Making much of what God has done is important! Like Moses marking the spot where he and his crew came out of the Red Sea with their pile of 12 stones, God’s story of His work in Hungary and beyond is cause for much rejoicing! That is one of the reasons Sheryl and I served the 5,000 U.S. staff of Cru and their families in Fort Collins, Colorado this summer.

Hearing from the leadership of Cru also moved us toward a unified vision of the ministry going forward. Two aspects of focus this year were the importance of embracing and seeking unity in diversity within Cru and the people we reach, and, then the importance of partnering well with churches, community members and other ministries to accomplish the mission.

Preceding this biennial Cru staff conference were four weeks of training new Cru staff, mentoring younger leaders, and equipping others for cross-cultural evangelism and discipleship ministry in the USA and abroad. Part of Sheryl’s workload was helping hire 188 workers, handling the paperwork for them and for the 1,500 Cru staff kids in the Jr/Sr high school and childcare programs while Mike helped run it. In one of the rented school building of infants through four-year-olds, seven classrooms were full of one-year-olds alone!

Whether working with babies in Colorado so their parents are better equipped, or reaching out to international students @UCF, we know your prayers are sustaining us when we are pressed, your giving makes our service even possible, and together we are part of God’s incredible story as He draws lost people to Himself!



Sheryl hired 188 childcare & other workers and this is Mike helping train them in CO.

Thankful for you,

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In Colorado, while it wasn't hot flat humid Florida, it was still 96 degrees on some days. For Rachel, Molly and Mike working in the same school building, Mike used his portion of 100+ floor fans to help keep the air circulating, especially for the infants. Here is a small pictorial snapshot of our June & July working in Colorado:



Mike unloads two 53' semitrailers of childcare equipment after 22 months in storage. This is the washing station.



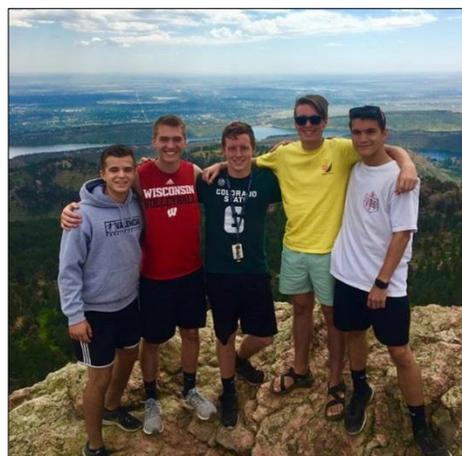
Every baby gets a high chair. That includes seven elementary school classrooms worth just for the one-year olds alone!



Rachel, 20, has spent two months in Colorado every other year as a Cru staff kid since she was six months old. This summer she worked as a lead counselor with the three year olds.



Molly worked as a counselor for the two year old Cru kids. This was returning back inside after a fire drill. We did great getting it done in 2minutes 16 seconds...even with all of those 70 one year olds getting rolled outside in their cribs!



Glen (in center) and **Amanda** (2nd from left) had buddies from across the country as for 6 weeks they were part of the daily Jr/Sr Program for Cru staff kids. They had opportunity to bond over great teaching time in the Word, learning how to share their faith, praise & worship time together and much fun! Glen and Amanda both worked in 2 of the 3 Cru coffeehouses setup for our staff to study in & reconnect with old friends; also for Cru staff kids to hangout in and chill over soda, popcorn, & foosball. Amanda often had the 8pm-12am

