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Reaching **COLLEGE STUDENTS** with Jeff and Karen

Hello and God bless you today! You are not alone! God designed us to do walk together, and when we do, we will see HIM save the day! Here are some stories of unity.

Love,

Jeff + Karen



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## GOD'S SMALL WORLD

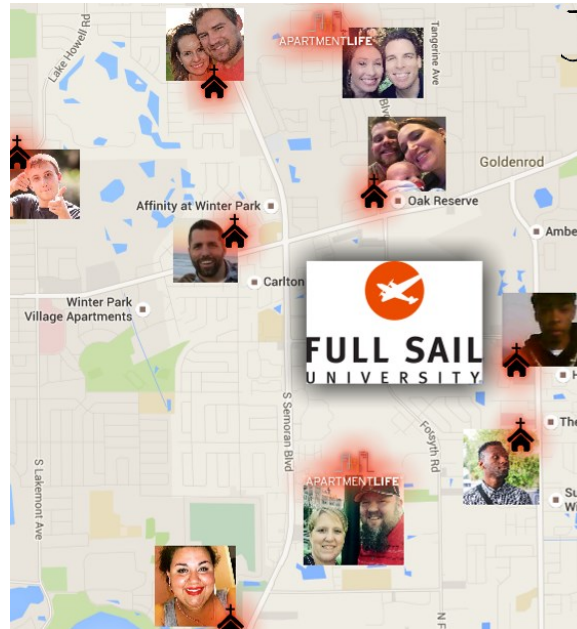
There's been a growing trend of unity and partnership in the Church. I've been hearing more examples of putting congregation and denomination aside for the gospel. It doesn't surprise me that as opposition to the Kingdom grows darker the light of Christ's bride will grow brighter.

This has been a major theme in our life and ministry, and I'm glad to see Cru catching the vision as well.

One of my strongest pushes in partnership has been at Full Sail University.

I'm arranging over a dozen partnerships with churches and other organizations to support the Christian students on campus.

Please pray for the Lord to move as we seek to be a bridge to the students for these partners, who will each adopt a different day of the week to minister on campus. As you'll see in the back article, the Bible says that unity trumps all strategy as we link arms and watch God's fire come down!



## PRAISES

- \* We have felt so appreciated at work and in our community
- \* Jeff received new vision for this year (ask him about it)
- \* Building a network of Christian artists across the city

## REQUESTS

- \* God is asking Jeff to step into what only God can do
- \* Karen starting a new ministry role as kids enter grade school
- \* Unity in and among churches



Student, Tim, teaches me guitar at worship night

## Lawyers for Jesus?

Know any Christian attorneys? For all the jokes about untrustworthy lawyers, I have had the honor of making friends with many who love God and seek to devote their lives and their legal knowledge to honoring God and blessing the world. If you are or know someone like that, you may be excited to meet our dear friend, Lynn Maynard.

A former JAG officer, Lynn now serves as a supported missionary along with her team at Cru's general council's office—they protect the rights of Cru

worldwide in areas from copyrights to campus access issues. But that's not all!

Recently, Lynn has joined a new team within Cru to launch **Faith and Law Around the Globe (FLAG)**, a new ministry of Cru to and through attorneys that provides evangelism and discipleship training to Christ-centered lawyers, judges, law students and professors worldwide.

Please pray for their upcoming conference in South Africa, where Christian judges, attorneys and paralegals from around the world will come together to combat corruption, human trafficking, segregation and persecution.



This is what the LORD requires

## 1 Peter 2:5

You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**Do Justice**  
love mercy & walk humbly with God

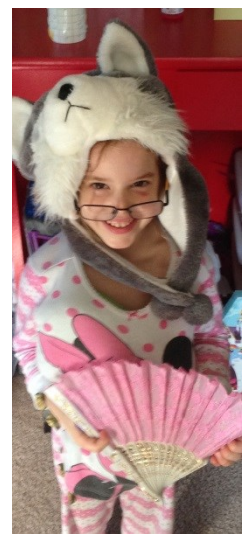
## FAMILY UPDATE

We were apart from our kids for 10 days this month for our staff conference, which was incredible and super-enlightening, but boy it was tough as well! You don't always realize how important it is for you to hug and kiss your kids (especially that precious last kiss goodnight while they're sleeping) until you can't. Karen's mom was so gracious to watch them for all that time. FaceTime, phone calls and pictures help, but it felt like they were growing up so much while we were gone—especially when we got the pictures in our email and they suddenly seemed so big! At the same time, her watching our children gave us space to bless so many others!

Both our kids have been building crafts like crazy, thanks in part to my parents' little care packages. They also love constructing "forts" with pillows, blankets and anything else they think will be good building materials. To add to the creativity and wonder of it all, they have been having a blast with a bunch of great costumes we inherited when some good friends moved to South Carolina (thank you, Watson family!). Arthur is pretty eager to start seeing all his other friends again once school starts (he's going into 2nd grade). Katherine will begin Kindergarten and "can't wait to go to school with my precious little muskrat" (referring to Arthur...she said this the day she graduated Pre-K).

School starts up in less than 2 weeks. With both kids in (full-time) school for the first time, mommy's life is going to change. There is no shortage of ministry opportunities for her at Cru, and she has also taken on coordinating/cheerleading/developing the volunteers for the children's ministry of our church (a much-needed position she has affectionately nicknamed, "the love-sprinkle fairy"). Please pray as she steps into that and as Jeff serves on our Board, helping to build a tight, thriving community of people desperately in love with Jesus!

FAMILY CORNER



## WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

We had the honor of hearing again from Francis Chan at our conference. His challenge first was to be people who love the Lord and spend more time broken and in awe before Him. People have said Bill Bright wasn't the most dynamic speaker, but everyone could tell he was in love with Jesus.

Francis' [next message](#) was about unity of the Church. He said all our strategies don't compare to the word of God that says when we're unified we will watch what happens ([John 17:20-23](#)).

He illustrated this concept so well by holding up a single Lego piece. He said, "This is what I did for so much of my life, 'hey, look at me!'" We all laughed at the ridiculous image of one Lego bragging about itself. "I really think I'm sharper than the other pieces and try to draw attention to me, yet that's not really the point of a Lego is it?"

He quoted [1 Peter 2:4-5](#) talking about how we are all blocks in the spiritual temple. The temple is where the fire comes down ([2 Chron 7:1-3](#); [Acts 2:1-4](#)) when we are unified; and when people see the fire come down, then they will believe ([Phil 1:27-28](#)).

Holding up a temple built out of Legos, he added his own piece somewhere near the back saying, "I wanna be a part of this, God! Make me a janitor, just fit me in there somewhere! What an honor to be stacked up on top of other saints. All I wanna see is something real happen, and that's going to take my humbling myself." Please pray this for all our hearts!

