

September 2022

## Praises & Requests

- ♦ PRAISE - for a great experience at Cru22! And for God providing all that was needed in a variety of ways.
- ♦ PRAISE - Brad celebrates 25 years on staff with Cru on September 1st!
- ♦ PRAY - for our girls to have a great school year at their new school. Pray for them to grow in wisdom while having fun and growing new friendships.
- ♦ PRAY - for us as we continue to raise monthly ministry support to help with our increase in expenses since purchasing our first home.



**Thank You** for your partnership and prayers that allow us to express the love of Jesus Christ

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## Update: CruKids at Cru22

The final night of the Cru22 conference, our whole family was able to attend together and worship. As we sang "Jireh" tears filled my eyes. Jireh means "God will provide" and He indeed did that all week in our kids programs. When our CruKids team thought we wouldn't have enough counselors, He provided. When we needed parents to join us on field trips, He provided. When we needed encouragement, He provided. I spent the week of the conference at our Kids Camp location as part of the team who served over 420 kids (K-5th grades)! The counselors reflected that the best part of the program was the curriculum as they shared with kids how God made us unique; God made us to work together; God invites us to share Jesus' love. One of our counselors had just spent a month serving on a Cru summer mission where they were taught to share their faith. She was still so excited about sharing her faith that she used her own money to buy her class of 5th grade girls the materials to make salvation bracelets. She taught them the verses to go with each bead and had them practice sharing with other staff and kids at camp! As our CruKids team reflected this week, we thanked God for His goodness and for orchestrating the details and providing all that was needed. It was such a joy to be a part of this team and to use my giftings to serve our Cru staff.



With Ruthie and Abigail at Kids Camp at Cru22

## 25 years for Brad

Brad celebrates 25 years on staff with Cru on September 1st! His career began with him serving in Eastern Europe (Hungary, Romania, Albania) right after college. Then, he served on the University of Kansas campus for 5 years before moving to Central Asia for another 5 years. Upon returning to the US and getting married, together we have served with The Jesus Film and now with Unto. It's been a joyous career with Cru being part of God's work in these places - with refugees, college students, leading mission trips and serving those in need with humanitarian aid - all while showing and sharing the Love of Christ.

## Family Update

Our family experienced another great week at family camp in July! Upon returning from camp and Cru22, we had a short time to finish off our summer bucket list - things like make cookies and have a glow in the dark dance party!

The girls are now in 2nd and 4th grades and have started a new school this year! While we had a great experience at the local public school, we felt God leading us to enroll them at a small, Christ-centered school. They are really enjoying it and I have the privilege of volunteering on campus two days a week.

