



Behind the Scenes:

I (Laura) have always been fascinated by numbers and budgets, but when we were called into ministry, I did not think I would ever get to use those skills. But early on, I had gotten small tastes of where I could use my administrative talents to serve within Cru. As a result, I slowly began to see the need for people with gifts like mine in the ministry.

When I became a mom, the definition of ministry changed for me. Instead of spending my days planning events, leading Bible studies, and discipling students, now, my focus was on caring for our son. A lot of my availability was suddenly dependent on nap time. Even during those times, I was still stuck at home most days... but I could use my computer. As I asked the Lord what He wanted my ministry as a mom to look like, He reminded me of some of the behind-the-scenes needs within Cru that help the ministry as a whole function well.

Very soon, I became aware of a specific need Destino had for people to help with finances.

In January, I joined Destino's Operations team as a Finance Associate. I get to work alongside Destino's Finance Professional to help our Summer Missions and Campus teams keep track of their finances and run efficiently. This is a role that was made for me! This summer I got to specialize in overseeing the budgets for Destino's three Summer Missions trips. Because I got to spend James's nap times at home on my computer and studying the numbers, 32 students and 21 staff got to GO. They went to New York City, Vail CO, and North Africa to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with people from all over the world.

In my role, I get to help sustain our current ministry and expand our capacity so that students around the world can hear the gospel. Like any organization, Cru has this whole business side that needs to be handled well, so I get to help invest in making sure that the organization is run well, and on the flip side I get to help people. I get to help people like our local staff with the financial side of doing ministry, and I get to help simplify our processes so that local staff can function better in their roles.

Serving with Cru behind the scenes has been a great way for me to use my skills to invest in ministry.

Not only do I get to help Destino and our local staff with the financial side of doing ministry, but I get to be a part of a larger team of finance professionals who are all working together to make sure the business side of Cru's campus ministry is running well.

Thank you for your partnership. You are a part of reaching people everywhere for Christ.

Caleb + Laura



Prayer Requests:

- ▶ Praise God! We arrived safely in Dallas on August 24th, and Caleb's parents helped us move into our apartment. We are settling in very well!
- ▶ Pray for Caleb as he began his classes on campus this week—he is taking seven credits part-time at Dallas Theological Seminary this Fall.
- ▶ Pray for our family as we get to know the Dallas area and transition to our new life and ministry.
- ▶ Pray for Laura as she continues to wrap up the finances for Destino's Summer Missions.