

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

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Galatians 3:26-27

CALEB & LAURA COOK

Goodbye Dallas, hello Minneapolis! After four years, our time in Texas is nearing an end and we are being reassigned to Minnesota. Caleb recently accepted Cru's invitation to serve as the Cross-Cultural Training Coordinator for the Cru staff in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri.

In accepting this new role, we are reminded of God's call on our lives to be a part of reaching the world with the good news of Christ by helping college students hear about Jesus and follow him for the rest of their lives. This new assignment gives us the opportunity to serve not just one campus movement or staff team, but a whole region and even the entire nation.

As the Cross-Cultural Training Coordinator, Caleb will equip our Cru staff to reach students across cultural lines. He will also be a part of overseeing the cultural competency training for the 4,000 plus Cru staff in the country. Because the demographics of the campus continue to rapidly change, going to those who don't know Jesus means that, more and more, we will have to minister across cultural lines. Because of this, Caleb's new role will be to raise the abilities and aptitudes of staff members to effectively communicate the message of Jesus to more people of varied cultures and backgrounds.

God will use this new assignment to provide Caleb the chance to put to use his ministry background, cross-cultural experiences, and seminary education and training to serve our missionary staff by empowering and equipping them to take the message of Jesus to every student.

God uses Cru to meaningfully share Jesus with every person and community on campus. The hope is for every student to have an opportunity to know Jesus, grow in their relationship with God in the context of community, and share God's love with their friends, family, neighbors, and even the whole world.

Next month, we will be able to tell you more about this new role, what the coming months will bring, how it will affect Laura, and what this means for our family. Until then, please be praying for us as we prepare to leave a fruitful time in Dallas in the middle of May.

We are so grateful to be a part of helping students come to know Jesus, grow in their faith, then go tell others about God's love. Thank you for your partnership in ministry with us. God uses your investment of prayer and financial support to transform people's lives.

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