



At Cru22, all the ministries of Cru gathered to hear how God is moving all over the country and around the world. This year we met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and over 5,000 missionaries were there.

Sadly, I was exposed to COVID (within the first 24 hours of being there no less!). After following the COVID safety protocols that were put in place by the conference planning team, I was no longer able to attend in person. Thankfully, I never ended up getting COVID, but for me the rest of the conference was experienced online. Even more unfortunately, 3 of the other 7 people on my team were also not able to attend or had to leave the conference early for COVID reasons. Though this was discouraging and disappointing, God used the time in a lot of great ways.

To give one example, we got the word out to the staff community about how God is working to encourage and equip leaders around the world through the International Leadership Consortium. One big way this happened was through a seminar our team offered at the conference. Over 60 people attended, and from that group, some are signing up to get involved in the work our team is doing to develop leaders through theological education. We also were able to spend a lot of time together as a team (whether joining virtually or in the same room) planning for the upcoming ministry year.

Though we experienced the time from a distance, we are grateful for Cru22 and the week together as a missionary staff community. It was encouraging to hear stories and messages about how God is at work connecting people to Christ through the various ministries of Cru.

After Cru22, our family had the opportunity to go on a week of vacation in Kentucky. We celebrated 50 years of Laura's side of the family gathering at the same location to water ski. It was a great week to relax, play, and connect before the new ministry year starts. When we got home, Abigail started a week of Kindergarten camp in preparation to start school in one month! Thank you for your continued prayers for our family.

With love in Christ,

Caleb & Laura



Come near to God and he will come near to you.

—James 4:8a

Prayers Requests

- Please pray for the beginning of a new ministry year coming up. Please also pray for the follow up for Cru22 and those who would like to become more involved in what God is doing through the International Leadership Consortium.
- Please pray for our team as we trust God to start learning and development cohorts in Francophone, Africa and Asia this fall.
- Please pray for James (2nd grade) and Abigail (kindergarten) who start school in one month!