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Dear Friend,

This month I'd like to share a portion of a letter our Global President, Steve Sellers, sent recently to all of our Cru Staff.

*“As I study the expansion of the early church, it strikes me how Paul and his missionary band of church planters ensured the longevity and growth of the church long after they moved on to new mission fields. As groups of believers formed, Paul and his co-workers immediately looked for people locally whom they could train to become leaders.*

*Paul wrote to Titus, “I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you” (Titus 1:5, New Living Translation).*

*Paul and his co-workers built up the community with the Word of God and left the work in good hands when they reached for new frontiers.*

*Today, our movement seeks to follow the same principle. We all memorize and teach the instruction Paul gave to Timothy: “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others” (2 Timothy 2:2, New International Version). Spiritual multiplication as described here should be at the heart of all our strategies.*

*Ministries come and go. But true spiritual movements don't stop. They expand and multiply. What can you do today to help ensure you are raising up faithful local leaders who, in turn, will be able to provide the ideas, resources and funding needed to reproduce the work? May we continue to be a movement of spiritual multipliers.”*

Steve captures well the heart behind our work with Cru. We feel very privileged to mobilize, equip, and care for missionaries whose focus is on being spiritual multipliers. Thank you for partnering with us to make this ministry possible.

On a personal note, Debbie is enjoying retirement and actively cleaning out our house for a potential move. We enjoyed having Katie's family here for Spring Break and visiting Disney with Anna and Ethan. We recently attended my brother in law's funeral in Georgia who passed quickly from aggressive cancer. It was very sad but a wonderful testimony to an intentional life lived honoring his Savior and his family.

Grateful for you,

*Mike and Debbie*