

Summer of Training

We have just completed seven weeks of Campus Crusade for Christ training at Colorado State University. The first five weeks were New Staff Training for Ed to join staff with CCC. The U.S. National Staff conference followed New Staff training. We hope these photos help you understand our summer.



The Campus Crusade for Christ family welcomed nearly 200 new staff this summer!

Much of Ed's time during the two weeks of Bible classes was spent studying. He took two classes which were challenging, but very educational. He was proud to make an "A" in one class and a "B+" in the other one. That's not bad for someone who only had one year of college in 2001 since leaving high school in 1978.



My class was an Old Testament Survey class, which I really enjoyed. My professor was very engaging and made learning fun. I will never read the Old Testament the same again.



Ed received his official certificate at a commissioning service on July 17



We were challenged from the Word by amazing speakers like Francis Chan and David Platt



We even had some time to play some intramural softball



Debbie was recognized for her twenty years on staff. We got to celebrate at a Heritage Night reception, where we got to talk with CCC President, Steve Douglass and his wife, Judy.



There are no words to describe what it is like to worship the Lord with 5,000 believers who are passionate about exalting Him. Tears often filled my eyes during these times.



Campus Crusade for Christ celebrated 60 years of seeing God's faithfulness through our movement. We met this woman, Barbara (on right), who was the first person who Vonette Bright led to the Lord back in 1951. They have kept in touch ever since then and had a glorious reunion.

Thank God For...

- ❖ Safe travel to and from Colorado
- ❖ Amazing times of becoming more equipped for the ministry to which God has called us
- ❖ New partners God has already begun to provide to help fund our ministry
- ❖ All God accomplished in and through the X-Project interns this summer. Though I was not in Xenia this summer, I heard great reports about how the summer went for these students.
- ❖ Wonderful time with friends and family in Colorado and Oklahoma

Please pray for...

- ❖ Bryan Dobkins who is still running the challenge course while I am away
- ❖ Stamina for our Sports Complex staff who are still in the midst of “peak season” in terms of hosting groups. Pray for many ministry opportunities with individuals and groups who use our facilities.
- ❖ Many lives to be impacted for Christ through the Sports Complex and Challenge Course
- ❖ Diligence for Ed as he completes another required course (New Testament Survey). He has to do this course on-line, which is not his preferred method of learning.
- ❖ Gods provision of many appointments to share with people about our ministry and that God will add many people to our team of partners.
- ❖ Safe travel for Ed and I as we drive from Oklahoma to Ohio in early September

Upcoming Events

Although I am not in Ohio to run the challenge course, there is still ministry happening there. My co-worker, Bryan, is running things while I am gone. Here is a rough schedule of what's coming up in the next couple of months. ***Please keep each event in your prayers.***

- Aug 10:** WSU women's soccer team on Low course
- Aug 18:** UC Men's Soccer on Low Course
- Aug. 18:** Ohio Dominican Tennis team on low
- Aug 19:** UD's Men's Soccer on High Course
- Aug 20:** CUSA Courage 98 on Low and High
- Aug 27:** Diabetes Camp on High Course

What's Happening Now?

Now that Ed and I are both on full-time staff with Campus Crusade, the amount of monthly support that we need was increased. Therefore, our full-time job for the next few months will be to find more partners to help fund our ministry. Once we meet our monthly goal, we will be able to resume our work on the Sports Complex team.

Please keep us in your prayers as we make phone calls to try to gain appointments with people to share with them the vision for the ministry to which God has called us. We are excited about increasing the number of people who are joining with us to reach people for Christ. We believe that God has already called a team of partners for us. We just have the adventure of finding those people. Pray that this process will be fruitful.

We have begun our ministry partner development process in Oklahoma, where we will stay for several weeks to meet with potential new partners. In early September, we will return to Ohio and continue seeking partners there.

We enjoyed several opportunities to go hiking while we were in Colorado. The scenery we saw was incredible! Our God is an awesome God!



From The Heart

To be honest, I am feeling very blessed and challenged all at the same time. I believe that Ed and I are adjusting well to our new “normal”. Going through classes was a big adjustment for Ed, which I had not really expected. This provided a new opportunity to for me to learn more of what it means to be my husband's “ezer” or help-mate. I am learning more about teamwork within marriage than I learned in the past twenty months since our wedding.

Now, as we are working on raising our support, we have experienced times of celebration and collaboration as well as times where we disagree on how things should be done. I can tell that God is refining my character through this process. I'm grateful for God's patience with me and that He brought me a loving husband who helps sharpen me along the way.

We are consistently aware of the fact that we could not be here without your prayers and support! Thanks so much for partnering with us to share God's love with many people!

We appreciate you!

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We have been assigned a new staff account number. Therefore, beginning this month, **you will need to send your gifts into our new account number: 0618598**.

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