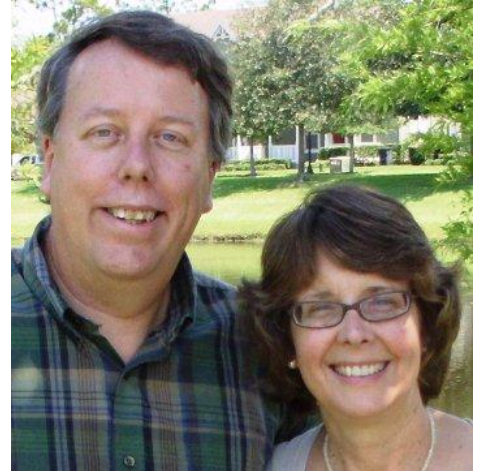


OUR SHORT TERM INTERNATIONAL TEAM



There are some great things happening with the STINT (Short Term INTERNATIONAL) Team, which is one of the teams that is part of Steve's Sending Team. This team prepares and cares for both Cru staff and not-yet-staff who are going to serve a short term, 1 year assignment with Cru overseas. We're excited for what God is doing.



First, the leader of our STINT team, is going on her own STINT from September to Kazakhstan!

She, with a team, will reach out to young people in a major city of that country to show them the love of Jesus!. Through this student ministry, students will come to know Christ, grow in their faith, and become leaders who can multiply their faith. I invite you to pray for her and her team.

This overseas ministry will give her more experience to serve STINTers in the future if she returns to our team. But first she will trust the Lord, grow in her faith, and have an impact in Kazakhstan!

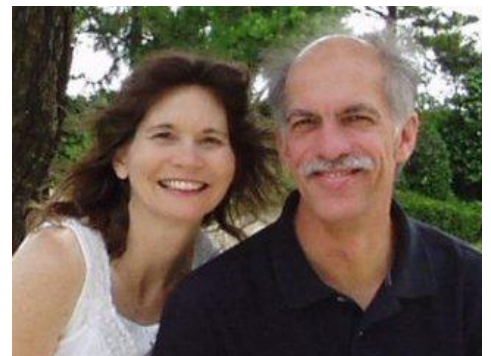


Second, In order to care for our STINTers overseas, our team travels to Spain and Thailand to attend Cru's Mid Year STINT Conferences, where our missionaries gather. This is a significant part of our care for them as we see them face-to-face. At this half-way point in their STINT year they are often prayerfully considering God's further call on their lives: to continue with one more year of STINT or to join Cru staff full-time. They are eager to meet with our team to discuss these possibilities!

Our STINT team is currently caring for 41 STINTers either in preparation or on the field. Steve helps guide the STINT team so that our work caring for them can be the most useful and fruitful, empowering the STINTers to stay focused on their main ministry purposes.

Third, we added staff to the STINT team. God has led our dear friends, Kevin and Peggy Grip, co-workers with us for years in Japan, to join our STINT team! Kevin has experience sending Japanese STINTers to other countries, and will use that experience to help STINTers going to many more countries as part of our team. Welcome Kevin and Peggy! It's really nice to have friends join us in Orlando and serve the Lord together again.

And Erin Radomsky, who has been an intern on our STINT team this past year, is now joining full time staff with Cru and will work with Kevin. Two other interns will start helping the team from September until Kevin and Erin finish support raising.





Ben with student at outreach party with ICU



Ben's Team with students in Tokyo park outreach

BEN'S SUMMER PROJECT

Ben had an awesome time on the Tokyo project this summer. The team of 11 engaged with students at Waseda University and ICU High School. There were English activities in classrooms, opportunities to share testimonies, sports, and picnics in parks as attractive events to open up conversations about Christ. Many open conversations about the gospel resulted.

Naturally enough he helped often with translation, getting the team around town when their airport pickup didn't work out on time, and daily leading them through the train stations. At the end of their project, they connected the Japan CCC staff with the students who are interested in learning more about the Gospel!

Ben has written about his experiences and his thoughts about how God is at work with him on his blog at <http://oredayo31.blogspot.com>. It was encouraging to read about the soccer friends he made and sharing about Jesus over noodle lunches.

You can see a lot more fun pictures of Ben and his team on Facebook as well. They obviously had a lot of fun around Tokyo meeting up with students to build redemptive relationships and share Christ. See www.facebook.com/ben.clark.5851.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Steve as he leads and gives direction and insight to the STINT team as they adjust to these personnel changes in September. We are so glad for the visionary work we can do to send more laborers into God's harvest fields of the world.

Please continue to pray for Rochelle as she is going through the last batch of chemo treatments this week, and then pray for her recovery. Thanks so much for your prayers; she has been doing really well. She is likely to feel more tiredness from this final batch, and recovery may take longer than it has before. In September she will have more tests to see the results of the chemo and then hopefully she is all done!

Thanks so much for your partnership and prayers for us!

*With love and thanks,
Steve, Rochelle and family*