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CARING FOR A TEAM



Sometimes in the course of leading a ministry team, it seems that the team comes under a spiritual attack, with lots of health issues and transition and turmoil. Steve's team seems to be in such a period right now. Would you please take some special time to pray over the team?

Here's what's happening. While we are normally all working to get more people into Cru ministry around the world, our ability is being limited as team members deal with: a severe childhood cancer in an adult, severe asthma related illness, a spouse's severe depression where the team member needs to be away to care for the spouse, parents of team members needing additional medical care where team members need to leave to care for them, other chronic medical issues limiting team members' time.

In addition to all that 3 short term team members are moving to new positions in Cru, one is retiring soon, and two team members are switching roles within the team. And all of this is happening while I, Steve, am away working on raising our additional financial support. What a storm!

We have to conclude that Satan doesn't want more Christian leaders sent out to change the world with the gospel! Would you stand with us in prayer that the Lord would gain the victory through all these situations? "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass." 1 Thess. 5:24.

Please pray for us as we care for the team and for wisdom and discernment in guiding those who are available now through the transitions. These are great people and they are responding well to the trials, but this has been a trying time for many.

Thank you so much for your care for us!

**Steve and Rochelle will be in California
June 14 to July 10 visiting partners.**

SENDING UPDATE

While all this is going on we also sent a new leader to Australia, another to East Asia, and approved several more to prepare for going this summer and fall.

We have been connecting with the 28 short term staff around the world, as many of them will decide to stay on for a second year or to join full time staff to return long term.

Pray that the Lord guides us all as we send those He is calling to the world. We are so thankful for you!

With love and thanks, Steve, Rochelle and family