

## New Staff Coming On

“I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. “ Phil. 2:19:20

The great missionary leader, the apostle Paul, was really pleased to have good help. Not only help, but someone he counted on and who was a friend. While it doesn't happen everywhere, this is what we often see happen as new staff show up to join teams building spiritual movements. These are workers who have been prayed for, who come and help lift the load, who help expand ministry and free up others for deepening the main work they are seeking to do. So many friendships result through shared ministry!

Knowing how greatly each of our teams desire new coworkers has been one of the main motivators behind serving with the Sending Team for these many years.

So of course it's exciting to get to meet some of the new staff we have helped to bring on board, which we got to do at our Winter New Staff Orientation held in Daytona Beach recently.



Rochelle led new staff during the Headquarters tour.

45 New Staff were selected for this training. They will be going into Campus Ministry (12 regular staff, 8 with special focus groups), Athletes in Action (8 staff, including pro team chaplain leaders), Cru Military (6, new ones to work with military families and PTSD recovery), Jesus Film Project (6 staff), and World Headquarters leaders (5 staff).

Rochelle was very happy to meet the 6 new staff



Steve with the Struxnesses

for Cru Military because she served them as their Applicant Liaison.

We'd like to introduce you to one couple, Eric and Hollie Struxness. The surprising thing about them is that they have 11 children! They will be serving in the Florida panhandle as part of a Cru Military team to provide evangelism, discipleship and spiritual support for cadets, recruits, and military families, After 20 years of active military service with the Marines, they are delighted to be coming on to serve full time now in ministry with Cru.

The New Staff Orientation conference includes 2 weeks of seminary level classes, then 10 days of Orientation to Cru leaders and organization, including excellent training on how to gather a team that supports you in prayer and finances. New staff then get a 3rd seminary level class online. We are thankful to be part of preparing these new missionaries for their harvest field.

## **Clarks Raising New Support**

Rochelle and I will be taking some time over the next 3 months to work on our own partner team and trust the Lord for additional monthly support of \$1600 needed to return to full support. We will be connecting with all our partners soon, and traveling to Dallas to visit personally with many of our friends there. We appreciate your prayers for the Lord to build our team!

We so appreciate your involvement with us and your prayers for God's work through us raising up the new staff! Keep on praying, team! We love you and pray for you all too.

*With love in Jesus, Steve & Rochelle*