

We serve a good God!! The older we get, the more we see how good He really is. How fortunate we are to have a Heavenly Father who loves us, and delights in giving His children “every good thing” (Psalm 16:2). We know the joy it brings us to see our children enjoy a gift. Jonathan just turned 4 and he is really into monster trucks. Whenever we go to Target, somehow he manages to “weasel one out of us”. We just love to see the excitement on his face when he plays with it for the first time.



This month was one of good gifts for us too. July 15th through the 23rd we attended Cru’s biannual all staff conference (CRU 22). Thousands of U.S. and international staff descended on the city of Milwaukee for a week of meetings and reconnection after several years of pandemic. We can’t tell you how wonderful it was for us to see people in person after working alongside them virtually for the past two years. Zoom and Google Meet are helpful tools, but there’s nothing like being together!!

Throughout the week we had the opportunity to hear from our senior leadership as they set the priorities of the ministry for the coming two years. We spent the first few days with FamilyLife leadership and the remainder of the week with Cru as a whole. It was exciting to hear from our President Steve Sellers and see how our ministry to

marriages and families fits within the greater mission and purpose of Cru. One of our conference speakers, Dela Adadevoh, who is the VP of Global Leadership said, “The Great Commission can be fulfilled in our generation if all of God’s people use all of God’s resources to reach all of God’s world.” Amen! May it be so, for His Glory.

We had the privilege of representing FamilyLife at our anchor booth in the main exhibition hall of the Wisconsin Center and we also got to spend a little time with our sweet friend, Beth Wilson, who has served most of her life on staff with Cru. We spoke with a wide variety of people who were interested in learning more about FamilyLife. It seemed like everyone we talked to had a story about a family that was changed because of what FamilyLife does. Praise God for every changed life!!



We had some visitors from PA. this summer. Our dear friend Trudy Bush and Nana (Steve’s mom) came for a visit in July. We had so much fun and their visits helped ease our, sometimes, homesick hearts!



Maddie turned 18 (What??)! God has faithfully answered so many of the prayers we have all prayed for Maddie and this transition during her 11th grade school year. She is doing great! We are gearing up for her senior year and we are so thankful for all of your encouragement and prayers for both of our kids during this past year! Jonathan is still holding out on the whole potty training thing, but as we get settled and more into a routine now, we are hoping we can finally say goodbye to pull-ups!!

In closing, we want to share Psalm 119:36-37. We are trying, as a family, to make this our posture daily.

“Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.”

With love,
Steve and Kristen