

Dear Friend,

We have some exciting news that we have been eager to share with you! Little over a year ago the Lord began nudging Natalie and I to take a closer look at a ministry that we have known about for quite some time. We had never really felt the Lord leading us towards serving with them, but felt God challenging us to listen a little more closely. If you remember, this past January, Natalie and I attended a BEE World training conference in preparation for Natalie's ministry in Nepal and India. It was there that we developed a deeper understanding of BEE World and decided, in faith, to take small steps forward in order to see what the Lord might be doing in our lives. It is through these small steps of faith over the past year that we have been led to believe the Lord is taking us on a new adventure with BEE World.

BEE World (www.beeworld.org) is an interdenominational missions organization that strategically helps the global church fulfill the Great Commission by providing biblical training to pastors and lay leaders which results in the multiplication of servant leaders. It's focus is training pastors and lay leaders specifically in closed or limited access countries, that is, countries with access to no or little biblical training.

When Natalie traveled with BEE World in March, the seed that the Lord had planted grew over the following months. It was such a refreshing time for her as she utilized her gift of teaching along with her passion for cross-cultural missions.



After her trip, our conversations revolved around discernment as to what the Lord may be doing with our desire to serve God's church internationally. As we slowly took steps of faith forward seeking clarity, we knew I needed to travel with BEE for the experience as well and to seek the Lord's leading. In September, I traveled to Malawi where the Lord made it abundantly clear that this was the next season of ministry for Natalie and me.



The transition will require a move, so we will be stationed in Colorado Springs, CO, where the Headquarters for BEE World is located. As of November 2, 2018, Natalie and I have officially resigned from Cru staff as we move towards employment with BEE World. We will receive three months of severance due to our time on staff along with medical coverage through the end of the year. January 1, 2019, is our official start date with our new ministry. Our plan is to remain in Ohio until April/May to finish prior commitments and begin the support raising season as the structure of our ministry will require additional travel expenses and thus an increased travel budget. I will be traveling four times a year and Natalie will be traveling twice a year.

We are so thankful for the 17 plus years of ministry with Athletes in Action. Our time has been extremely formative in our lives, and we are forever grateful to the coworkers we served alongside, both nationally and internationally, with Cru. We are a bit nostalgic as we reflect on the hundreds of relationships and friendships that have been formed as a result of being a part of the AIA family. We reflect on the blessing of being a part of so many changed lives and are overwhelmed with the Lord's goodness towards us. It is definitely a bitter sweet good-bye.

In the meantime we have worked to get in touch with every supporter of ours to explain over the phone or in person the story of what God has been doing. If we have been unable to connect with you, we do apologize that you are hearing about this transition via a letter. We would love to speak with you on the phone and share more of the story, so please give us a call (214.236.1031) or email us (jn.mclaughlin@gmail.com) at your convenience.

*If we have not already spoken, would you prayerfully consider **doubling your December monthly giving**, the committed amount going to our Cru account and the additional monthly support going to our BEE account to help jump start our time with them? (Details given below) **We would be so grateful for your generosity!***



Here are the specific needs we are trusting the Lord for between now and our move in April/May.

- \$1,750 in new monthly ministry partners or increased support.
- \$20,400 annual travel and ministry budget (4 trips to Africa for John and 1-2 trips to Middle-East for Natalie) for training of pastors and lay leaders.
- \$10,450 for special donations associated to moving expenses.

If you intend to make an end of the year, annual or one time donation, please make those donations to BEE World. For monthly donations via Credit Card or EFT, please see below for details on how to stop donations with Cru and begin donating with BEE World.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:

Here are the instructions on how to **STOP** your donations with **Cru**.

- **Option 1:** Visit give.cru.org and follow the prompt to do so.
- **Option 2:** Email eGift@cru.org and let them know you want to discontinue support for us along with the effective date. Our staff account number is #0538604.
- **Option 3:** Call Donation Services at 888-278-7233.



BEE WORLD:

To **BEGIN** donations to **BEE World** please visit www.bee-world.org/donate and follow the instructions. We have also included a form to begin EFT if you so desire.

- Our new Project/Account number is #22965.

By His Grace,

John and Natalie

