



The Schneider Report

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Back to School

As I sit and type a letter to you all, I am multi-tasking since our living room is full of students who have just filled their tummies with John's delicious cooking ("brinner"- breakfast for dinner) and are now listening to a lesson on discipleship. These are leader students who want to be lights on campus as they lead community groups and reach out to the students around them with the truth and love of Jesus Christ. (There are 18 spread out all over our living room.)

My mind, also, wanders to the events of the last 3 months. Wow! It's a little overwhelming to think about all that's happened in that time! Here's a quick recap. Since you all are the reason we were able to do all of this, you deserve to know at least a bit of what we were up to.

May 22 — John headed to Orlando to work for a week at CCC Headquarters to prepare for his summer assignment as director of shipping and receiving. (I was home with the kids crazily packing to prepare for the next 2 months away.)

May 25 — John and I had our 15th wedding anniversary! The kids and I joined him in Orlando.

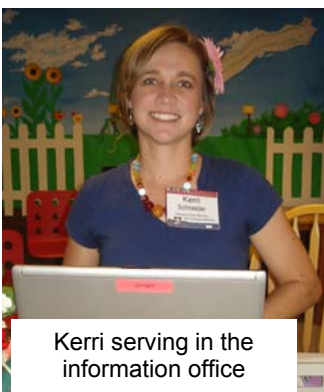
May 27-29 — We flew to San Clemente, CA where John officiated the wedding for a special alumni, Brian, who lived with us for 6 months and who is now on staff with CCC with his wife in California. The kids lit candles in the wedding too.



John and Kerri at the wedding of a USF alumni

May 29 - June 1 — We visited John's Aunt and Uncle in San Diego. It was a very special family reunion, and we have some treasured memories from the visit.

June 1 - August 1 — We moved into our summer home in a college apartment at Colorado State University's campus in Fort Collins, CO. (To underscore the college apartment atmosphere of where we lived, the TV show "Inside Edition" recently did a story on the apartment's back-to-school pool party that had several thousand in attendance and ended in 4 people being arrested.)



Kerri serving in the information office

While there, we served on the National Staff Conference Team. For my job, I served with 10 other ladies who were the friendly faces of the conference. We worked in the information office where we helped people in many ways from answering schedule, childcare or housing questions, to calming down a teenager who'd wrecked on his bike. I even found myself helping a CCC staff member from Turkey who told me that her husband had been martyred 4 years ago.

John's work involved a lot of manual labor as head of the shipping/receiving department. He loaded and unloaded truck after truck helping people get their stored supplies, and making sure things, like the books from Francis Chan, were passed out after the meeting where he was speaking. I was not the only one who could see John's heart for serving people as he helped them. He was always going the extra mile, and it made me love him even more! He said he has a much greater understanding of the logistics it must have involved for Jesus to feed the 5,000.



John working in shipping & receiving

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Trey, Callie and Colton

While we were working, the kids got to take part in "Kids Camp," a wonderful children's program. Callie had some great opportunities where she spoke in front of large groups - even in front of the 4,000+ staff at the conference. We were so proud of her! Trey and Colton grew as they got to take part in all of the classes with all of their friends, learning Bible verses and lessons among staff children friends.

Aug. 3 - present — After we drove all the way home, we rested a few days and then hit the ground running. Along with doing the normal life things, like pulling weeds that grew over the 2 ½ months we were away and freshening up the house, we welcomed back the students on August 14 in our home with a leadership lunch. Since that time, we have hosted 3 more leadership meetings, a Women's Time, and two prayer breakfasts in our home. We have, also, had a welcome back cookout on campus, held a dodge ball tournament for freshmen in the campus rec center, and had 2 of our weekly meetings on campus. We are, also,

really enjoying our new intern, Amanda, as she lives with us and is being a wonderful help in the ministry and in the students' lives.

We are continually learning how to trust in the Lord with every moment, as we encourage the students to live fully dependent on Him with their lives as well. He keeps us going, sustains us, gives us energy, and reminds us of why we're doing this. There are so many students who need the Lord all over campus. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be lights sharing God's love to them and encouraging and training the Christian students to reach out to those all around them.

Our mission is still the same as when we joined staff 15 (Kerri) and 17 (John) years ago: to win the world for Christ, build them up in their faith and send them into the world for Christ. We pray that there will be a day that every student on campus knows someone who truly follows the Lord. Although our mission has remained the same, some of you may know that our name (for the US Ministry) has changed to Cru. It is still Campus Crusade for Christ, International overall.



Student leaders at our home



Prayer breakfast at our home

If you have questions about the name change, we'd love to talk to you about it, or you can read about it on the ministry website (www.ccci.org).

Thank you for your partnership with us which enables us to minister to USF students (on campus and in our home) and builds us up in prayer to keep on keeping on! May God bless you all!

Holding onto Him,
Kerri

PS There are a couple of more exciting things to share with you. This summer 3 new staff were assigned to our staff team at USF. Dan and Anna Luddeke and Katie Elicker are all on the journey of raising up a team of ministry partners and will join our team when their needed financial support is raised.

Also, our Fall Conference is just around the corner. Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Tampa Bay students will be joining students from Orlando and Jacksonville for this great weekend. Will you ask God to 1) get the students there who need to be there; 2) to work in their lives to draw them closer to a relationship with Him or to help them become more confident in sharing Jesus with others; and, 3) to help them connect with each other so they can grow together and encourage each other throughout their college years. You can check out more info on the conference at www.noloudersound.com. Once again, thank you. Your prayers are more valuable than we can say!



Cru weekly meeting on campus at USF