

Summer Happenings



It was June 23rd that our middle daughter Alyssa gave birth to Haven Grace Miller. Lorna arrived a few days prior and was able to stay for a few more weeks helping Alyssa and Matt with the adjustments to having two children in the house. It also gave Lorna more time to bond with Moriah (now 2yrs old) who is growing up fast. At left Lorna rocking with Haven and Moriah wearing her big pretend glasses.

While Lorna was in Minneapolis with Alyssa, Dirke was in Orlando where he was team-teaching two seminary-level classes to 100 Cru missionary staff.



Catching the Music

One of Dirke's most enjoyable privileges in teaching is to help our staff fall in love with God's Word and ultimately Himself. In the Biblical Interpretation class he emphasizes more than good interpreting principles. He helps them see the Scriptures as one story by one author, the Holy Spirit. It's an adventure and love story unmatched by any cinema effort. God pursues and woos our hearts to Him.

He helps them read and study the Scriptures from a redemptive context and not from a moralistic approach. For example, the David & Goliath story is more than killing giants in our life (be like David). It is telling us about the character of God and the coming redeemer. Story after story both in the Old and New Testament point to the Savior. When Jesus speaks to the disciples in Luke 24 on the road to Emmaus, he explains that from Genesis to Malachi it points to Him.

When our staff **catch the music of the Gospel**, how they study, how they teach and how they live out their faith changes. The music is God's grace & acceptance. The dance steps ("to do & not to do's" of the Bible) are in response to the music and not the other way around. Because, **there is no life in the dance steps, only in the music!**

Staff Comments from "Catching the Music" Biblical Interpretation Class

- *I am now a better reader and interpreter of God's Word because of this class.*
- *I learned to ask myself: what is my heart running to for life? I feel much more confident in reading, studying and applying the Bible.*
- *The caliber of Bible study (both group and one-on-one) that I'm able to lead will be much higher as a result of taking this class.*
- *I learned how important it is to truly study God's Word in light of God's entire story of redemption.*
- *I feel more equipped to be able to see the bigger picture within the smaller stories. I truly want to hear the music of the Gospel and not just do the dance steps.*
- *The coaching part has been invaluable- taking it from head to heart and from concept to practice.*
- *I have gained a deeper sense of God's grace for me.*

Global Team-Leader Training

Prior to teaching, Dirke was working with Cru's global ministry leaders to create a new Team Leader Training for all of our Team Leaders around the world. It was a monstrous project that has taken two years and required involvement from our world leaders but we are very excited about the product and we believe God is going to use it to accelerate His work around the world.

Fascinating Facts

- Cru has a ministry presence in 190 countries, representing 99.6% of the world's population.
- This summer Cru sent out 239 summer mission projects involving more than 3,500 students & student staff, one of our largest ever.
- In 2013, there were 10 million plus views of the Jesus Film Media, 100,000 installs of the **Jesus Film Media app** for iPhone & Androids, capping Cru's most fruitful year for evangelism.

Prayer Requests

- In August., we will visit many of you in MN, WI, IL.
- Pray with us to see the Lord raise \$10,500 (\$875/mo.) in new financial commitments for the coming year beginning this fall.
- We speak Aug. 17th at Sanctuary Covenant in Mpls., Aug. 23 & 24th at Cornerstone in Crystal and the 31st at Park Avenue United Methodist in Mpls., both Lorna & Dirke will preach.
- Sept. 5-11th Dirke will be doing team training for 8 teams in New Zealand for our Australian/Oceania staff.