

YOU, WE, ARE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER!

Some days it seems like everything in the world is going the wrong way. It seems society and the culture we live in is turning from God. Church attendance and belief in God is down. Thoughts creep in, is there any hope for the next generation? The prophet Elijah found himself depressed, running from the wicked Jezebel and lamented, *"I am the only one left"* (1 Kings 19:10). But God speaks to Elijah and tells him you are not alone. I'm working my plan, **just because you don't see it doesn't mean I'm not working**. Open your eyes Elijah, I have 7,000 people (a biblical number signifying multitudes beyond the number itself) who worship me. God's reminder for Elijah should be a reminder for you and me.

No nation, no political party or legislation, no evil empire, is going to thwart God's plans and stop God's purposes. In fact, history shows that Christianity thrives in societies who seek to squelch it. Ask the millions of underground Christians in China.



God is doing some amazing things not just through Cru, but through missions and churches around the world. **The gifts you give us multiply the Kingdom** both directly by what we do and through those we resource, equip and influence for Christ. Above, Lorna held an evangelistic Christmas Tea Brunch in our home. 28 ladies listened intently as parts of her life resonated with them through Lorna's testimony of how Jesus Christ has changed her life. The ladies were from neighborhoods, church, and community workers she serves with for the homeless.

Below are a few GOD STATS of what God is doing through ministries that Dirke resources:

- The Jesus Film celebrated surpassing the 2,000th language translation of the most watched movie, leading more people to Christ than any other tool in the world. We want everyone, everywhere to know that Jesus speaks their language.
- As of September this year, 10,789 men and women in the military family have made first-time decisions for Christ.
- Our college campus ministry has had 7,731 freshman students attend 119 fall retreats. The hunger for Christ is growing.
- This year our staff and volunteers delivered 600 tons of aid to Ukraine and served more than 14,000 displaced people.
- Dirke teaches at Palm Beach Atlantic Univ. This fall was the largest number of new students enrolled in its 54 yr. history.



Dirke celebrated his birthday this week with our Orlando grandkids and at right received a meaningful video phone call from our beautiful three daughters. We celebrated Lorna's birthday at the Chocolate Factory in November (far right).



Pray for Lorna's upcoming surgery!

Dec. 13th Lorna has surgery on the top of her spine to relieve a pinch nerve that causes pain 24/7 in her right arm. They will go through the side of her neck so her head will need to be in a brace for 2 weeks. 3 months for full recovery.

PRAISES

- More athletes (football & track) have been going through the conditioning program that Lorna helps lead and her Spanish speaking tutors are developing relationships that lead to more spiritual conversations.
- Dirke is finishing his fall teaching for Cru and of Ministry degree students @ Palm Beach Atlantic. In January he will have another new group of 30 students to teach and deepen their spiritual walk. And he is the Faculty mentor for several of our leaders in French speaking Africa as they seek Master's degrees in the midst of their ministry work.
- All of our grandkids will be down for Christmas. We're excited!

4032 Golfside Dr., Orlando, FL 32808
Website: dirkeandlorna.org
Gifts for Dirke & Lorna are payable to "Cru" or "Campus Crusade for Christ" / Give online: give.cru.org/0105923