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Uniquely Restoring Every Community with the Good News Of Jesus

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There are some words that literally change the trajectory of our lives. Words like “I do”, or “your test results are in”.

On June 8th we celebrated the marriage of our daughter Katie to Nate Daggett. The beginning of a life journey together started with two simple words...“*I do.*” Some of you who are reading this letter, remember us announcing her birth, 26 years ago. Thank you for making the journey with us through the decades. You can see the growth of our family in the photo below.



Other words aren't nearly as celebratory. For Chris L, the words “*your test results are in*” changed his life. In 2016, he was in his early 30's, married with a young child when he found out that what he thought was a sports injury was actually a rare and deadly cancer with a one year prognosis.

Years earlier, Chris was a student involved with us at the University of Montana. After he graduated he joined staff with Cru, met his wife and worked with the college students on several different campuses - until that day he heard those dreaded words. With that news, he and his wife were numb; until months later a British physician uttered different words that were filled with hope...“*I know how to treat this.*” Upon hearing this from the oncologist, Chris' dad jumped up, grabbed a marker and wrote on a nearby white board three words. ***Hope Has Arrived.*** Three months later Chris' scans came back clean, shortly afterwards hopehasarrived.com was born.

Hopehasarrived.com helps people find hope against the fear, pain and loneliness of cancer. Chris and this digital strategy are now part of our division; Cru City Neighbors. As of today - there are between 3000-6000 visits to the site every day. Up to 15 people a week indicate

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decisions for Jesus, with over 1 million evangelistic articles downloaded. The scope of this digital strategy is global - reaching people from Vanuatu to Venezuela. No one could have envisioned what God had planned 8 years ago when Chris and his family were reeling from an unexpected diagnosis. Just as I (Kerry) couldn't have envisioned a day when a former student would be a staff member in our division leading a digital strategy with a global footprint. One of the greatest joys in my years of ministry has been seeing the Lord bring things full circle. As the Executive Director of Cru City Neighbors, I was able to let Chris know that hopehasarrived.com was awarded two different Ministry Accelerator grants which enabled them to purchase FaceBook ads, expanding their outreach to Zimbabwe and the Philippines.

Ministry Accelerators are micro grants designed by my leadership team to get ministry funds quickly and easily into the hands of some of our most experienced missionaries seeking to bring the good news of Jesus to every community. In this case - the often unseen community of those touched by cancer.

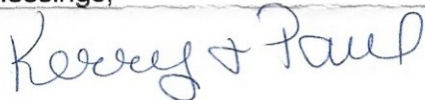
If you, or someone you love has been diagnosed with cancer, I would encourage you to visit hopehasarrived.com; there is always hope. As David wrote in the Psalms.

I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing. (Psalm 40:1 - 3).

If you'd like to learn more about Ministry accelerators, or help sponsor one of these micro grants - please visit give.cru.org (account #0668245). Every gift towards Ministry Accelerators will be matched - enabling more Cru missionaries like Chris to help people find their place in God's story.

Thank you for making the journey with Paul and I. From birth announcements to weddings announcements, from college students we've disciplined to ministry leaders today. We wouldn't be here without your partnership.

Blessings,



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