



CONNECTING



What is it you do?

A close friend asked Greg this question. After some prayer and listening to God, he texted:
I connect others to accelerate God's Kingdom.

Metaphorically, “connecting” is a bit like being the point guard on a basketball team who effectively distributes the ball to teammates who shoot and score points. The crowd cheers the baskets, often failing to note the pass that gets made.

We don't believe our Lord is one to overlook “assists,” connects that link people to greater ministry results than what they or their ministries could achieve alone.

This is a magnificent era of heightened collaboration. What a privilege to add value – almost daily – to someone's life and/or labor for the Lord. About 90% of Cru's measured results (multiplying disciples and new church plants) come through those who use our resources or strategically partner with us? Together, if a common vision exists, greater synergy can result.

Often, Greg brings together people he perceives “right” for collaboration. Recently, he connected a Cru colleague with the Jesus Film Project to a prayer ministry that has shared *JESUS* with millions of African and Asian children. They're involved in some terrific possibility thinking.

Chris is a partner with Cru who has benefitted. He leads “40 Days of Love,” a global strategy of prayer, care and share. Greg helped him to expand his relationships with prayer leaders. And recently, Chris accepted an invitation to the Presidents Partnership and Project Group meetings Greg facilitates. This led to added funding for his ministry and to open doors for expanded ministry influence. Together everyone accomplishes more!

PRAISE – With Cru prayer successfully restructured, in August I'll relinquish leadership. There's plenty to do with my partnership and coaching role, but pray God guides me to a next “special project” with about 20% of my time.

PRAYER – Kyle travels June 27-July 1. Linda, Ryan and I fly to Colorado for our semi-annual Cru National Staff Conference, July 19-26.

PRAYER – Greg has planned a special fly-fishing adventure with Ryan (16) after the Conference. Pray they have a strong father-son heart connect.



for every believer a witness
for a billion people to hear the gospel in May 2020

Cover of a prayer brochure Greg guided. It helps connect His Church to “GO 2020” prayer/sharing.

CONNECTING YOU TO CRU PARTNERSHIP WORK



We had a great evening of Zoom calls with Cru President, Steve Douglass. Thirty-six sites joined a Zoom call – some with multiple viewers or listeners. Praise God for about 25% of our needed support that night and about an added 15% since toward our need.

Type these links into your browser to view call excerpts. Email greg.stoughton@cru.org if you would like the links sent to you for easier access.

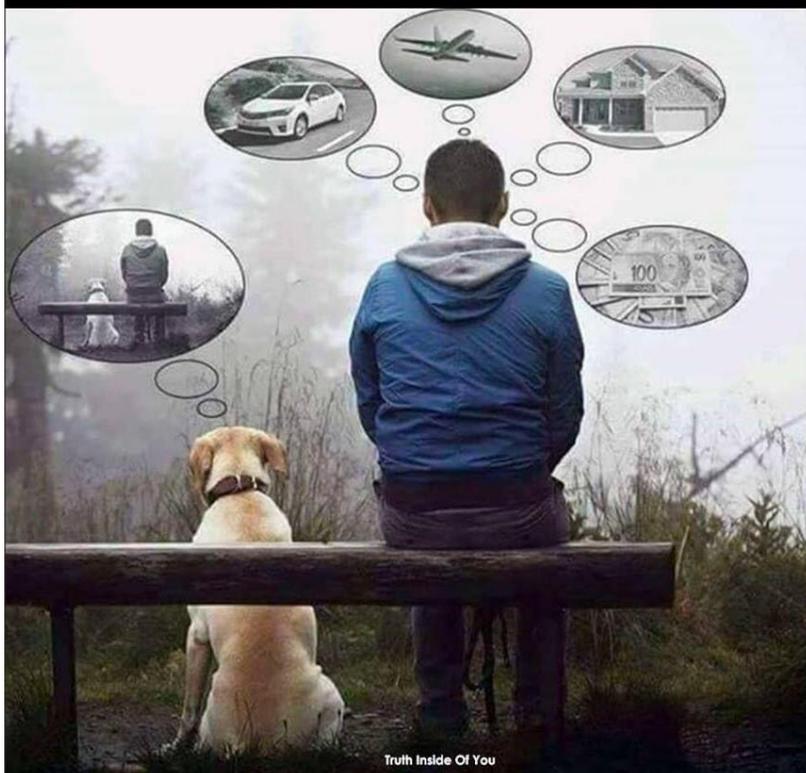
Steve Douglass – Cru Overview (6 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8FKpVCgCMo&feature=youtu.be>

Steve Douglass – Kingdom Partnerships (18 minutes)

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This is why the dog is happier!



USE LIFE THEMES TO HELP CONNECT OTHERS TO JESUS

This photo nails some thoughts in the minds of most people.

PLEASURE is a strong motivator, a life theme of what many people desire. Belonging, forgiveness, success and peace are added themes common to many folks.

If you can identify a felt longing when talking with unbelievers, it is a great way to connect the gospel to a person's heart.

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Page down for short videos on how to use life motivations to more naturally connect others to Him.