

“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” - 2 Timothy 2:2

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Master Plan Ministries is about to take a leap into growing from a small ministry into a medium sized ministry, and we are excited to be a part of that growth. But before I give you the details, let me remind you of why that is a good thing. It's because preparing others to reach and influence the world for Christ is close to God's heart. This past school year, Laura and I were able to work with dozens of students from many different walks of life on the Auraria campus. Yet it always brings us joy at the end of the year to see what God is doing in students' lives on a heart level.

At our last campus weekly meeting, we asked students to reflect on what God has done in their lives this year by completing this sentence "If there was one great thing God did in my life this year it was that He..."

"...Brought me to walk with Him." –AJ, who showed up to a bible study with only the intention of finding friends who did not use drugs or alcohol. He left early, disinterested... but a couple of weeks later after attending our fall retreat he recommitted his life to Christ and is going on a Summer Project with CRU this summer.

"..Show[ed] me how much He loves me, that there are people who will accept me for who I am" Said a freshman who came to the fall retreat looking for faith in God while she struggled with questions about homosexuality. She gave her life to Christ shortly after the retreat.

"...Being part of the great commission on campus and in Denver"- Joanna, who led a Bible study in her dorm, and was able to lead her roommate to Christ during second semester.

"...He stretched me to share with others about my relationship with Christ." -Kristen, a student who was on the servant team and is also going on a CRU summer project this summer in CA.

These stories and many more are the results of following Jesus in the mission statement He gave Master Plan Ministries over 25 years ago. **"Preparing others to reach and influence the world for Christ"**. This summer as we seek to prepare many others to reach and influence the world for Christ, we are taking three ministry endeavors.

First we are helping to staff the Crush Fear Summer Project in Durango, CO. Nineteen students from all over country have come to Cascade Lodge for two weeks and we will use the context of the mountainous outdoors help them get out of their comfort zones for God's glory. They will hear a lot from God's word and they'll do a lot; from repelling down cliffs, to leading their team through the wilderness, to speaking in front of a church, to sharing Christ with

strangers on the street. By the end of two weeks they will each have many experiences that will bolster their confidence in the Lord and will prepare them to help in the great commission.

Laura and I also will be giving leadership to Master Plan's first New Staff Training conference. Master Plan is a fairly small ministry with only 14 staff members. However, God has lead 9 more people to apply to the staff of Master Plan over the last few months. Master Plan accepted them, and they will be headed to Durango in June for a full week of training after which they will be commissioned as staff. This means that, Lord willing, Master Plan staff will grow by 64% this year. Eight of these new staff members are former students that were involved as students within Master Plan, and one is a man my age that is leaving IBM after ten years of service to follow the leading of the Lord. Pray for us as we prepare for the growth process. This growth may bring about a role change for Laura and I in Master Plan Ministries.

Lastly, we will be driving out to the East Coast to visit and keep in touch with many of you- the folks who support our ministry from NJ and PA. We will be speaking at a few churches, and having one or two BBQ's at supporters' homes to share stories about what God has been doing in our ministry and lives. **We'd love to see you**, so log on to TheKrokosFamily.com and click on "Summer Schedule" to see our travel schedule, or just call or email us at the bottom of this page to see where we will be.

We always seek to honor God as stewards of His finances, and this summer we will also have some unique travel and housing costs. Approximately \$5,600 is what it will cost above our regular operating expenses. If you are able to make an extra gift at this time of year, please know that we will use it toward the ministry endeavors outlined above. Checks can be made out to "Master Plan Minsitries", and sent using the envelope provided. You can also give securely at TheKrokosFamily.com under the "contributions" tab. All gifts are tax-deductible.

May God bless you in all that He is calling you to this summer. I hope our paths will meet again sooner than later. Jesus come quickly. Rev 22:20

Austin and Laura Krokos

P.S. If you live in the **Durango area**, please join us for a BBQ and a ministry and family update on Wednesday June 13th at 5:30 Ted and Pam Avila's home.- 61 Sierra Ave, Durango, CO

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