

Dear Friends —

Sept-Oct 2019

In our last newsletter we made the BIG announcement that we are leaving Cru Staff. It was a tough letter to write. What to say and how to cram it all on one page? How to give some insight for where the Lord is leading us? How to say we hope you'll continue to partner with us? There was so much that our newsletter necessarily became "Part 1"—so this letter now is "Part 2".



*Before we try to give you more details about what's ahead for us, let us say something about the past! Words don't truly describe how we feel about you. We wish we could see and talk with you in person. We have so appreciated you and your partnership with us all these years. Some of you have been with us the entire time we've ministered with Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ)! We know that "OUR ministry" does not mean "Chuck and Dianne's ministry" but "OUR ministry" truly means YOU and US together. We may be at the front, but the Lord has used us together to see lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. We definitely have felt your encouragement, prayer, and partnership all these years. With deep felt appreciation, **THANK YOU!!***

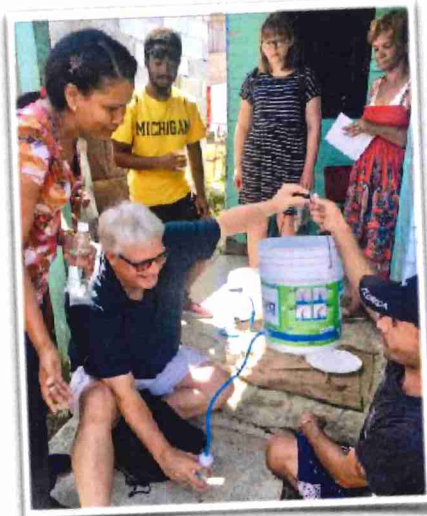
Some have asked specific questions about what's ahead for us with Filter of Hope (FOH), so here's some details:

**Question #1: *Are you moving away from Ann Arbor, MI?***

- I can minister full-time with FOH from Ann Arbor. We're thrilled to be able to stay close to two of our daughters and their families, and continue our friendships and church involvement here. Much of what I will do is online so I can work from anywhere with internet and phone. Yes, I will travel more, especially internationally (which is the fun part), out of Detroit Metro International Airport.

**Question #2: *What specifically will you be doing with Filter of Hope?***

- I'll focus on three areas: (1) I will write evangelism and discipleship materials that will be used on all FOH mission trips. My first writing project will be to produce immediate "next steps" materials that will be translated and given to those who receive Christ as new believers. I'm thrilled about the impact these materials will have in so many people's lives in many nations.
- (2) I will work towards strengthening and expanding the pre-trip training of 1,000's of Cru students and church mission trip participants. Many for the first time will learn to communicate the gospel clearly and specifically learn how to lead someone to faith in Christ. Yes, it's exciting to see people in other nations come to faith, but it's also exciting to see the Americans return home with vision, confidence, and boldness to share the gospel with their family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others.
- (3) I'll travel internationally leading both Cru student teams and church teams. I'll help them install water filters and share the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Already I'm scheduled to lead my Ann Arbor church team to Guatemala. I'll also help FOH add new locations in current nations that FOH serves and expand to more nations. (Pray about coming with me on a trip this year!)



**Question #3: *To which nations does FOH currently send mission teams?***

- To 7 Central American nations and the 3 Caribbean Island nations of Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. And, more in 2020!!

**Question #4: *What about Dianne's ministry role? Do you know more now?***

- We're still praying about what's ahead for Dianne. She continues to disciple four graduate student women from our GradCru ministry. We'll be attending the annual FOH three day national retreat in mid October. Options for her may arise during our time there, too.

**Question #5: *How can we pray for you?***

- Recently I created an **Instagram** page so I can upload photos during each of my mission trips and post how the Lord is working. I hope you, and many of our friends, and many from our supporting churches will follow my page so they can be encouraged and pray for us. Download and open the **Instagram** app on your smart phone and search for "**chuckfilterofhope**". Then click to follow.
- Please pray that most of our Ministry Partners will continue their support for our FOH ministry. Some already have made the switch to FOH, others have stopped giving to Cru but haven't started yet with FOH, and a couple have said they will stop their support for us. If you intend not to continue, please give to the end of December so we can receive our full severance pay. If you do intend to continue with your support for our ministry with FOH (we are praying that you will), it would be helpful that you don't miss a month or two, otherwise we might receive a short paycheck due to insignificant funds.

I've significantly edited the attached page about how you can send your ministry support for us. Some prefer not to use PayPal, so I added instructions about how to have your bank automatically send funds every month for you. All three options work and the funds will be reserved exclusively for our salary, medical, and ministry expenses.

We're trusting that the Lord will use "OUR" ministry in many lives in many nations! *We'd love to hear from you,*

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