



# Cross Culture Ministries

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Dear Partners,

My family and I have been living in West Virginia for 15 weeks. In some ways it seems like we just settled in this week. Last weekend was the first weekend that either Brantlee or I did not have to travel to Greensboro. We were taking our daughter, Hannah, to rehearsals for the performing arts academy in which she was involved. She worked so hard for so many months preparing for the recital, and her class was depending on her. So we decided it would be worth all the driving for 3 months. In the end, it definitely was worth it! The Greensboro Performing Arts Academy presented a very tasteful recital which even contained a clear gospel message. Hannah was beautiful, and we were so proud of her.

I was also fulfilling my commitment to teach at Foothills Christian College in Wilkesboro, NC through April. I have so enjoyed my time there. I have committed to teach another semester in the fall. I feel like the Lord is sealing a relationship between Foothills and Cross Culture that will bear fruit in the lives of teenagers for years to come. It is unlikely that I will continue teaching after this fall, however, I want to allow that relationship one more semester to grow.

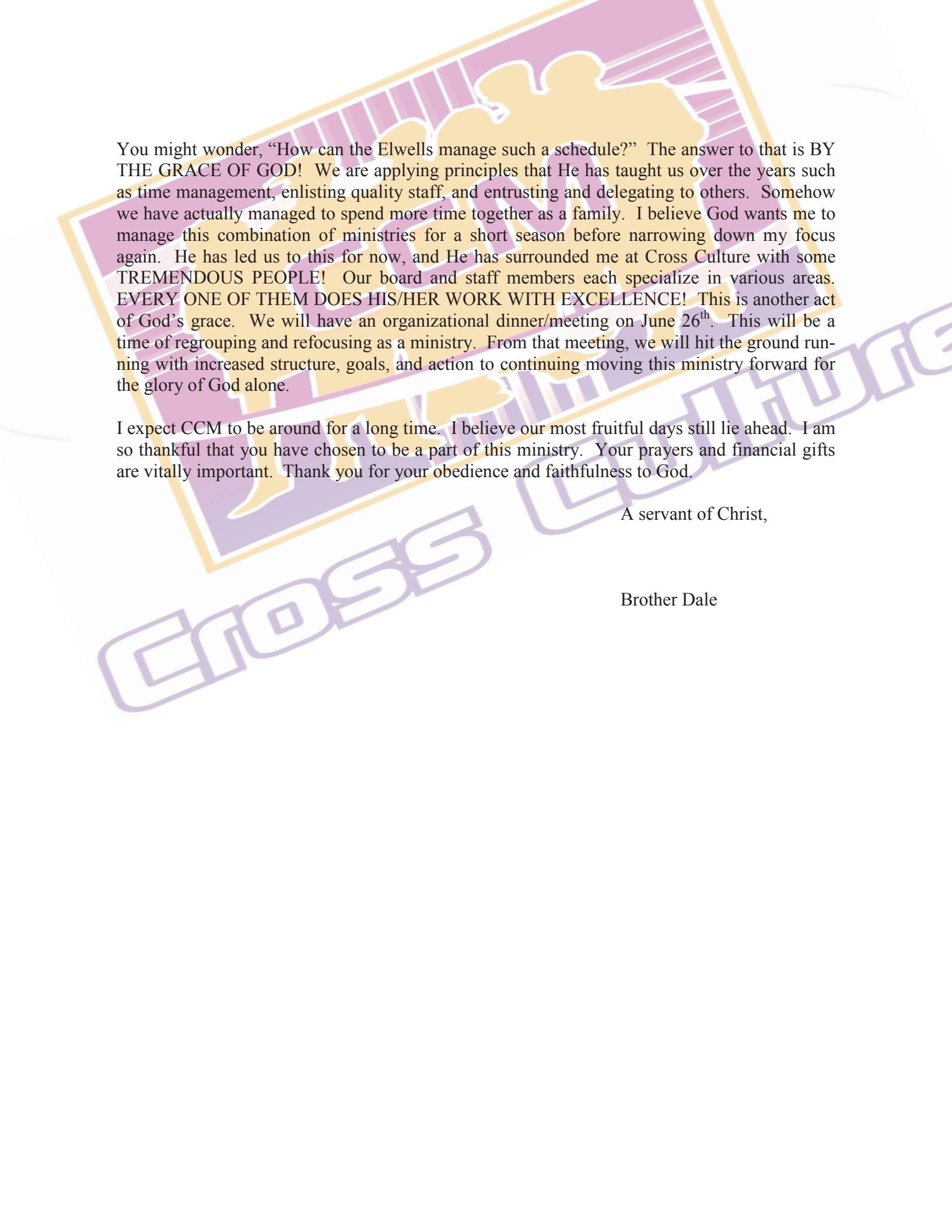
I have been working at Davis-Stuart home for teenagers part-time, Tuesdays through Thursdays. We have seen many teenagers come to Christ and several staff have come to me for spiritual advice. It is a very different atmosphere for me, having been in church ministry for so long. I am learning what it is like for the lay person to work in an environment with many who don't know Christ. It is also quite a challenge to work in a faith based organization whose purpose is to spread the truth of Christ, but one that also receives state funding and all the "hoops" that go with that. I count it a joy to be on the "front lines" here. While serving under Executive Director, Mark Spangler at Davis-Stuart, a fairly large non-profit organization, I am gaining experience that I am sure will make me a better leader for Cross Culture down the road.

Even with all of the above happening (not to mention family life), Cross Culture continues to grow. Our ministry schedule has actually picked up, and I have enjoyed preaching at several events this Spring. I will be sharing a mission presentation in a couple weeks at a church near Angier, NC, who will be considering supporting CCM regularly. We are also preparing for our annual mission camp in July, which happens to be hosted here in Lewisburg. That will be convenient! We have increased our mission team from approximately 15 to 48! We will now have enough teen missionaries to conduct multiple mission projects around the county!

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You might wonder, “How can the Elwells manage such a schedule?” The answer to that is **BY THE GRACE OF GOD!** We are applying principles that He has taught us over the years such as time management, enlisting quality staff, and entrusting and delegating to others. Somehow we have actually managed to spend more time together as a family. I believe God wants me to manage this combination of ministries for a short season before narrowing down my focus again. He has led us to this for now, and He has surrounded me at Cross Culture with some **TREMENDOUS PEOPLE!** Our board and staff members each specialize in various areas. **EVERY ONE OF THEM DOES HIS/HER WORK WITH EXCELLENCE!** This is another act of God’s grace. We will have an organizational dinner/meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be a time of regrouping and refocusing as a ministry. From that meeting, we will hit the ground running with increased structure, goals, and action to continuing moving this ministry forward for the glory of God alone.

I expect CCM to be around for a long time. I believe our most fruitful days still lie ahead. I am so thankful that you have chosen to be a part of this ministry. Your prayers and financial gifts are vitally important. Thank you for your obedience and faithfulness to God.

A servant of Christ,

Brother Dale