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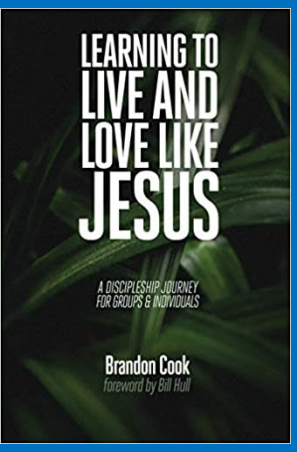
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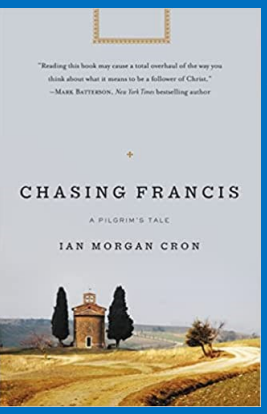
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End of Summer Book Recommendations



"A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CULTIVATING SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION—IN THE WAYS OF JESUS. For those who long for real transformation and hunger to experience God's goodness in a way that changes their daily experience of life, author Brandon Cook offers a guide for authentic transformation in Christ. With 52 readings, you can read this over the course of a year or at your own pace, individually or in a small group." Billy and I are reading this alongside a group of other cross-cultural workers in a discussion group. The chapters on Unhurriedness and Silence that I read this month really rocked me. I would highly recommend this book for a small group study or an adult Sunday School group.

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"*What happens when the pastor of a mega church loses his faith?*

Pastor Chase Falson has lost his faith in God, the Bible, evangelical Christianity, and his super-sized megachurch. When he falls apart, the church elders tell him to go away: as far away as possible. Join Chase on his life-changing journey to Italy where, with a curious group of Franciscan friars, he struggles to resolve his crisis of faith by retracing the footsteps of Francis of Assisi, a saint whose simple way of loving Jesus changed the history of the world. " I just picked this book off my shelf once more and fell in love with it all over again. Highly recommend! One of my all-time favorites!!!

Summer has been BUSY!



Happy Anniversary to us!!!!! Celebrate with us!!! Along with celebrating our 36th wedding anniversary, we are celebrating our 15th year of cross-cultural service overseas with TMS Global (Costa Rica, Peru, and Spain)! For the past 9 years, we have lived in Spain and served in several ministries and capacities in Europe and around the world. The scope of our work is multifaceted: training, refugee relief and development, care and counseling for cross-cultural leaders and aid workers, and community outreach. Check out the updates below for more about what we've been doing in the past few months:

Refugee Aid for Ukraine:



We are partnering with other refugee aid workers to get the maximum amount of help to the people who are truly in need. Many of the larger aid organizations are funding relief to large city hubs, leaving those in smaller cities or isolated areas without food or shelter or help. We are helping our contacts and partners in smaller, more agile organizations to swiftly reach those in need and support relief work in areas that are running dry. This includes feeding tents

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in Ukraine, Romania, and Poland (3 meals per day for Ukrainian refugees), food and supply drops to pastors and churches in Odessa, Ukraine, and emergency shelter programs in Romania, Slovenia, and Czechia. We are now gearing up to help refugee children have the school supplies they need to start a new school year. Special thanks to Christ Church (College Station, TX) and Covenant UMC (Dothan, Alabama) for their generous special gifts in helping us work alongside these organizations and the cross-cultural workers who are sharing Christ's love with displaced people.



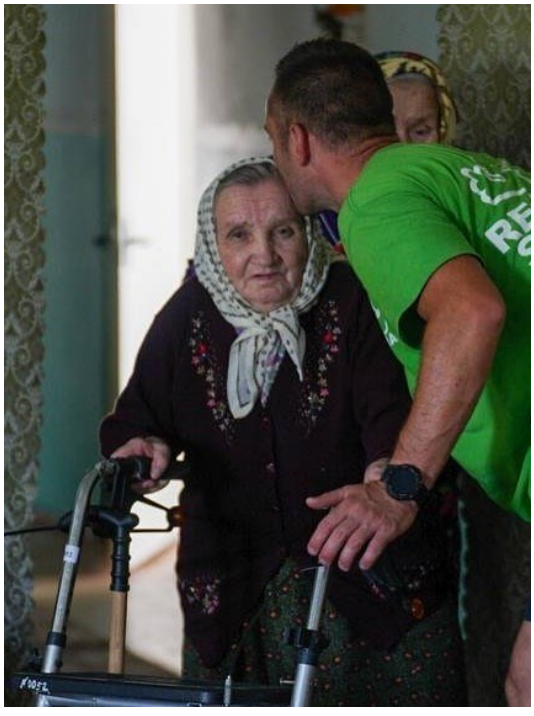
Training for new workers and church leaders

In July, Laurie led the yearly training event for new cross-cultural workers and church mission leaders. We had 60+ people attend the 3-week event in North Carolina. New workers will now be ready for launch to assignments in Kazakhstan, Albania, Spain, various USA locations, Solomon Islands, Jordan, and Paraguay. Church leaders and pastors also attended and are better prepared to send and care for cross-cultural workers, as well as implementing healthy mission work locally and internationally. In September, Laurie and her team will lead another training in Spain which will prepare workers who will be attending from or launching to United Kingdom, Spain, Egypt, USA, Germany, and Costa Rica.

Care and Counselling for global ministry workers

Care for cross-cultural workers, pastors, and global leaders: Billy has been overwhelmed with the amount of care and counselling needs among those who work in ministry and aid roles. Response to his work for ministry worker debrief sessions, burnout recovery coaching, and care for aid workers has more than doubled this year. He has been teaching care and training workshops, leading debrief retreats, doing critical incident debrief and coaching, and guiding men's spiritual renewal hikes for ministry workers. All of this is critical for the resiliency and longevity of cross-cultural workers.





Wide-reaching effect of this work

While it has been a very busy summer of teaching and training and care outreaches, it has been wonderful to be in a season where we feel that our gifts and talents are being used and where the ripple effect is truly reaching far and wide. From our work with refugees and aid workers to our training for cross-cultural workers to the time we spend listening to and counselling pastors, workers, and community leaders - those efforts effect the work and the people in Ukraine, Romania, Poland, Czechia, Slovenia, Egypt, Germany, Jordan, Spain, Portugal, Bali, Thailand, Turkey, Kosovo, Albania, UK, Kazakhstan, Solomon Islands, Oman, Paraguay… and even back in the USA as we help train churches and pastors and cross-cultural workers to reach out in their own country and communities.

Thank you for being a part of this important work and for being a part of our ministry team!

Laurie & Billy

What's Next for Sarah? (Inquiring minds want to know!)









We got a 'complaint' call about our last couple of newsletters from one of our awesome supporters that said that he was upset because we hadn't shown any photos of Sarah lately and he really missed seeing her. So sweet!!!! *teary eyes* It's really touching when people love our kids and care about their lives! So, we're posting some photos here from Sarah's last two national-level competitions and we decided to bring you up to speed.

Sarah will be moving to Germany at the beginning of September to ride and train for a professional show jumping barn! They made her an offer that she just can't refuse. It will be a great opportunity to continue to train and learn while working for a professional barn with almost 100 horses under their care and training. She will be able to continue to train with her horse (Lambada) and compete on the German and European circuit. We are super excited for her, and also very sad to see her go.

Join us in celebrating with her! She leaves September 2nd.





Please join us in prayer and praises:

- Praise - We have three new team members who are now in the training and transition process for joining us in Spain in 2023! Please begin praying for them now as they prepare and train, and as we work to build team relationships and onboard them well over the coming months. (pray for Elizabeth, Brian, and Shelly)
- Praise - Billy just finished giving another CCW debrief retreat to a cross-cultural worker serving in Indonesia. The CCW came to Spain for an extended period of rest and a 3-day debrief with Billy in Antequera. Also, please pray for the Men's Retreat for cross-cultural workers that he will be leading in late September. He has 14 men coming to Spain to join him on a 10-day spiritual renewal retreat.
- Prayers - We will be hosting a 6-day training event in Spain in early September. Two days later, we will be hosting a training event for regional leaders and team leaders from around the globe. Most of September will be hosting these two events.
- Prayers for our team as we continue to work with others to support Ukrainian refugee work (see above).
- BIG PRAYERS / PRAISE - We are traveling to Utah to visit Laurie's mom (Pat) and brother for a couple of weeks of vacation. During this time, (fingers crossed) our boys are going to join us. That means that ALL OF OUR FAMILY WILL BE IN ONE PLACE! We haven't had all of our kids in one place for 4 years! We're really praying for this time and we are so grateful for some special gifts that allowed us to take this time to be together as a family!!!

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- Our greatest desire is to see people become who God created them to be and to live in to their purpose. We believe that everyone has value. Everyone has talents, skills, and unique abilities. We want to see that come alive!
- Nurturing and developing people to be healthy spiritually, physically, emotionally, and relationally - because "care" is not just an emotional feeling word, "care" is a verb - an action. That's what we're about - developing and caring for people so they can live into their unique design and God-given purpose.

Become a Partner! We would love to have you on our team!

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