



Running Alongside...

Recently, I have enjoyed running. I know that some of you reading this may be shocked to hear that I am exercising regularly. And to imagine that I enjoy it is quite unbelievable. Yet it is true! Since January, I have been running every week. I have even run in two local 5K races and one 10K race.

My father-in-law, Bill Keyes, has been my mentor and motivator when it comes to running. He's shared his experiences, offered wisdom, given me runners' magazines, and inspired me to keep going. On a recent visit to California, we went on our first run together. It was such a great feeling and I really enjoyed it. As I reflected after our run, what Bill has done for me in running is what I am doing for pastors and church planters in ministry. My role as a coach is "running alongside" leaders to help them be more effective and focused.

This summer, I am involved in coaching about a dozen Christian leaders. As I run alongside...

- ✓ I help them to focus on the right behaviors to be more effective
- ✓ I mentor and motivate them toward action
- ✓ I provide resources to help them improve
- ✓ I challenge them to go further and celebrate their progress
- ✓ I share my own struggles and victories

I love coaching leaders! This is an important part of my ministry with OC. As we move to Seattle, I am eager to expand the number of pastors and church planters I am coaching. I believe God will use me to increase their effectiveness for the Kingdom. Please pray for me as I "run alongside" more and more leaders.



Dave and Bill after a morning run!

Transition Update

Priority: We are still working to complete our support raising this month. As we write this prayer letter, we have pledges totaling 92% of our monthly goal (thanks to the recent commitment of Grace Baptist Church). We need additional pledges of \$600 each month. While we continue forward with our move to Seattle, we cannot join the ministry of the U.S. Team until we are fully supported. Pray that we reach 100% before the end of August!

Would you ask God if He wants you to be a channel of His resources toward our monthly support? Would you also consider giving a special gift toward our outgoing expenses to transition to the field? (You can use the enclosed envelope to reply.)

The last week of July, Deanne and I headed up to Seattle to find a place to lease. Prior to this trip Deanne did a lot of online research in our efforts to understand the various communities. Being there in the city really opened our eyes to incredible ministry possibilities.

Here's our transition schedule for this month:

August 2 – Maddie returns from The Rock School in Philadelphia
August 3-9 – Maddie enjoys summer camp at Hume Lake
August 4-6 – Dave and Deanne pack up the moving truck (any help is welcome!)
August 10 – Doug performs on “From the Top” radio show in Aspen
August 10-17 – Family vacation together in Aspen
August 21 – Farewell party at John and Becky Bax (call 661.253.4184 for info)
August 24 – Doug moves in to Juilliard dorms
August 30 – We drive to Seattle
September 1 – Move in day!

Prayer Requests:

- Reaching 100 percent of our support need!
- Doug's smooth transition to The Juilliard School in Manhattan
- Safety as we move to Seattle
- Maddie's smooth transition to a new high school
- Wisdom as we discern ministry priorities in the Northwest
- Experiencing solid relationships with our OC Team

Grace,

