

Meet Your Missionaries

Steve & Nancy Huerd

Serving with Cru in Florida



Birth Places: Hannibal, MO (Nancy)
Warroad, MN (Steve)

Birthdays: January 31 (Nancy)
September 25 (Steve)

Hobbies/Interests:

Nancy: Homemaking, hospitality, walking, tea
Steve: Oil Painting, racquetball, reading

Children:

Jonathan – age 20, sophomore at the University of Minnesota, plays guitar

Matthew – age 17, 11th grade, loves sports

Education:

Nancy: B.S. University of Missouri, Columbia – Secondary Education, Graduate work at the University of Missouri, St. Louis -- Education. Former teacher at Fort Zumwalt High School.

Steve: B.A. St. Cloud State University – Speech Communications; M. Div., Bethel Theological Seminary; Ed. D., Talbot School of Theology.

Testimonies:

Nancy: I grew up in a Christian home in northeast Missouri and attended church functions regularly but it didn't really impact my everyday life. I even "went forward" in my church in second grade and indicated I wanted to receive Christ, but I did it mainly because all my friends were doing it too. I thought I was a Christian after doing this but I really wasn't because nothing in my heart or life changed. My life was consumed with looking good outwardly by trying to excel in everything I did. It wasn't until I was a junior in high school that God got my attention by showing me the emptiness of worldly achievements. Through the help of some godly friends from my church, I realized my need for Him and asked Christ to come into my life. He completely changed my life.

I was immediately more active in my church and youth group and had a thirst for learning about Him and serving Him. I was a leader in my youth group and received a good spiritual foundation from my church. When I went off to college at the University of Missouri, I became active in Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ). My older brother had recently become a Christian through their ministry and I had seen the change in his life. So through my college years I was discipled by Cru and learned how to share my faith and disciple others. I played basketball at University of Missouri and saw my team as my mission field. I was able to share Christ with most of my teammates and lead several Bible studies. Before I became a Christian, sports had been something I had done to glorify myself and now I was able to play basketball for God's glory and for His purpose.

After graduating from college, I briefly played women's professional basketball and then I taught and coached at Fort Zumwalt High School for eight years. Through some of my Christian friends I met the St. Louis Cru High School staff. I did not know that Cru had a high school ministry. I gradually became involved and eventually became an active volunteer and began a small Cru group at the high school where I was teaching and coaching. I began to sense God's call on my life to not just do ministry with high school kids as a volunteer but to give my life full time to be a missionary to high school students.

I am serving my 28th year as a Cru staff member and I have seen God do so many exciting things in and through the lives of high school students. It gives me such joy to see students walk with Lord. I love God with all my heart and nothing can compare to serving and loving Him with all my heart, soul and mind. Each day I desire to know Him more.

Steve: I grew up in a non-Christian home not attending church. I became a believer my sophomore year in high school through Cru (the high school ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ) coming in and conducting a large outreach. I became a student leader in this movement in high school and God used me to reach many of my fellow peers with the gospel. In college, I was heavily involved in Campus Crusade for Christ at St. Cloud State, attended two summer projects in Washington DC (Inner-city project), and Japan. Because God had changed my life so much in high school, I knew he had called me to join Cru even before I graduated from high school.

I joined full-time staff in 1988 - being placed in Boulder, CO. Nancy and I were married in 1990 at Grace Community Chapel and had an incredible student ministry in Colorado until 1995 when we moved back to Minnesota so I could attend Bethel Seminary. While attending seminary part-time due to my ministry requirements, I thought God was calling me to become a pastor and then a church planter. However when I graduated in 2001, the Lord led us to assume the Cru Twin Cities Director position leading a large staff team.

In 2005 I began the journey of pursuing a doctorate in Christian Education from Talbot School of Theology at Biola Uni-

versity. After six years of study, I wrote my dissertation on how parents, peers, and nonparental adults influence adolescent spiritual development. I have taught online courses as an adjunct professor at John Brown University and Azusa Pacific University. This summer I will help teach new Cru staff at the Institute of Biblical Studies in Fort Collins, CO.

I love Jesus and try to stay intimate with him every day. My heart is to teach and prepare the next generation of ministry leaders impacting the entire world! This has led me to accept a new role as the Ministry Partner Development Director for Cru High School. In this role, I help new staff, part-time staff, interns, and senior staff become financially faithful, fully-funded laborers.

Greatest Satisfaction in Ministry

Steve

- Watching students open the Bible for the first time
- Seeing someone accept Christ and really grow in their faith
- Sending out financially faithful, fully funded laborers who will go and minister to places all over the world
- Teaching/Challenging staff and students from the Scripture

Nancy

- Leading small group Bible studies
- Hosting ministry events in our home
- Doing ministry together as a family
- Seeing major decisions made by students at conferences and how much it impacts their lives
- Seeing former students continuing to walk with God and serve Him all over the world

History in Ministry

Nancy:

- Field Staff (1987-1989) in the Twin Cities
- Associate Director (1989-1990) St. Louis, MO
- Field Staff (1990-1995) in Lafayette, CO
- Field Staff (1995-2001, 2011-2015) in the Twin Cities
- Field Staff and assist Steve as Metro Director (2001-2010) in the Twin Cities

Steve

- Field Staff (1988-1995) in Lafayette, CO
 - Area Director (1995-2001, 2011) in the Twin Cities
 - Metro Director (2001-2010) in the Twin Cities
- National Ministry Coach (2010-2015) starting new ministries nationwide
National MPD Director for Cru High School (2015 - present)

Current Ministry:

Steve: My new role involves helping raise Christ-centered, fully funded, financially faithful laborers for Cru High School nationwide. My focus is centered now more on developing the staff as opposed to primarily working directly with students, though I do continue to engage in some direct ministry at Irondale with our son Matthew and his peers. Nancy continues to serve locally on the Twin Cities as a field staff person.

Nancy:

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