

I'm excited about moving to Seattle with Steve because it's a fun city. Steve and I went to college (Seattle Pacific University) there and that evokes good memories of exploring the city and jogging park trails. I'm looking forward to spending more time with Steve's family who all live in the Puget Sound. I'll have coffee with my mother-in-law and shop Pike Place Market with my sisters-in-law and get to know my great nieces and nephews. I'm looking forward to being used of God through the church we'll attend. I plan to study the Bible through Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) so I hope to make friends there. I even plan to join Artists United and paint! I'm so excited to have Cali friends come to visit so I can show them around.

LAGBC is a very special gathering of God's people which I will miss terribly. I have grown in my boldness and confidence to be willing to serve God – to 'show up'. I'm so thankful for Phil and the elders' shepherding, my Sunday School class, One Accord, Choir, Women's Retreat, Green Oak Ranch (GO Craft Ladies!), Nursery Duty, Birthday Ladies, the Boracay, Philippines mission, Women's Bible Study and especially my time with Erin, KC and Dylan and the high schoolers.

I loved having the Girls' Group where high school girls passed over my threshold to share their highs and lows, eat brownies and seek godly ways of dealing with high school life. We also did some fun crazy stuff involving Justin Bieber clips, sleepovers, movies, baking, novels, valentine making, finger nails, midnight Wal Mart and TP. I saw God help these girls, Stacey, Emily, Hannah, Lydia, Rebecca, Jordan, Esther, Lizzy, Corrie, Alina, Ashley and her cousin, Bronte, Hailie, Kayla, Madie, Mariah, Mary, Nicole, Rachael and Samantha (plus any I might've missed) cope with and share hardships. I heard a lot of laughter and I laughed along with. What a blessing, what a gift this was for me! This gave me a new confidence in ministry and I'm going to take Erin's advice and offer this ministry to our future pastor. Thanks, Lord, for giving Erin the idea to ask me to have Girls' Group and thanks, Erin, for asking me. <3

Please pray God will guide Steve and I in the Pacific Northwest, especially to the church body He wants. Pray we will be bold to share what God has done for us in our lives where ever we are and with whomever. Please pray our sons, Daniel and David, will establish themselves apart from us and will grow in their faith and knowledge of God and that James will seek God while with us this summer.

Wisdom I might leave with you is also for myself: Dig into God's word – start today. Chew on it, pray for understanding and apply it in your daily life. Trust in the Lord and be open to what He'll have you do.

God bless you. See you in Seattle!

Love,
Barb Cropp

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