



AND...We are now FLORIDIANS! What a crazy, exciting month it has been for us! You may wonder why we did not send out our new address with our April Riedy Reader—the fact is that the legal details of our home sale/purchase were not totally settled until after we left Little Rock. And, if you happened to recall our crazy move out of Michigan, where a deal fell through after we had moved out, you might better understand our hesitancy to really call this house our own until all the T's were crossed and I's dotted. As we were driving out, we were still receiving electronic documents to sign and dealing with funds transfer issues. We are excited to report that we are now settled into:

1036 Drift Creek Cove, Orlando, FL 32828

Here are just a few highlights of our Riedy Road to Florida:

- ◆ We decided to list the house in early March with showings beginning Friday March 5th. That weekend we had a dozen showings and 4 written offers in our laps by Sunday night and a signed contract for our asking price by March 8th (with a closing date of 4/9).
- ◆ Time to consider the buying end of things! I had been watching the Florida market virtually for the past few months and had seen that homes were going very fast! We realized that the idea of doing a traditional house hunting trip just would not work in the current market. Scary as it seemed, we began doing virtual showings. From 3/11-13 we 'toured' a few homes with our Florida realtor and a FamilyLife friend who had already moved to Florida. The first house we placed an offer on had 15 showings in one day and 10 offers by the next morning, most over asking price—wow! We didn't get that house, but that's the kind of crazy market we were experiencing.
- ◆ That weekend we decided to try one more offer before considering moving to temporary housing in Florida, and looking in person. This house was actually back on the market after having their first deal fall through. We submitted our offer (slightly under asking price), prayed and waited. On Sunday 3/14 we were told that they had 4 offers, 2 over asking price, but decided to go with us because



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they felt more sure that we could close the deal-Whoot Whoot! Eric flew out on 3/16 for the home inspection (to actually **see** the house in person) and confirmed that Drift Creek Cove was where we wanted to be!



- ◆ We packed up, had the moving truck come, and cleared out of Eagle Nest Ct on 4/12, driving only just south of Memphis after a long day. The next day Eric and I each drove a car and the girls drove together with Tiggs the cat. Eric and I stopped in Gainesville, FL but the girls pressed on (saving Tiggs from another night in a strange hotel). We arrived about 11 am on 4/14 and the home was officially, legally ours at 1pm that day.

We are now settled in (mostly). Cru Lake Hart campus is still closed for COVID but we expect to be able to begin at the new offices before the end of the summer. To answer the most asked questions once people see our new address—we are less than an hour drive to Disney or to Cocoa Beach and yes, we have a guest room! It has actually already been put to use with Charissa, Ruby and my Mom (Carol) coming to visit. We expect to have many family members from CT and PA, as well as friends stopping by in our new touristy location! And we are looking forward to that!

In Him,

Have you wondered why we have not written about Cru U.S. Staff conference in Colorado this summer? For decades Cru has hosted thousands of staff at Colorado State University every odd-year summer, but like many things this year, that event was canceled. Rather than 'going virtual', Cru just recently announced that they will be shifting staff conference to even-numbered years starting summer of 2022 and are planning a new location. In the mean time, though, we did just attend a virtual two day 'gathering' of all U.S. staff with the goal of **a)** pointing us toward Jesus, **b)** reminding us of our calling and mission, **c)** inspiring us, and **d)** affirming how vital each staff member is to the vision of Cru. It was quite encouraging, but we also look forward to being able to meet in person soon!

Tear & Prayer

Pray for the
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Charissa & Jon

Pray for our continued settling here in FL, esp. for a new church & for jobs for our girls
Pray for wisdom for Cru leadership as they navigate the reopening of offices & in-person ministry
Pray for me (Deb) as I consider my increased role at FamilyLife now that I am done homeschooling
Praise for successful relocation & road safety through all of the driving that involved
Praise for continued increased capacity at Weekend to Remember events & forecasts of a full capacity Fall season (pray for planning wisdom)
Praise for skills & lessons learned through virtual ministry & meetings that will make us even more effective in the future