



# REDWOOD

## COVENANT CHURCH

**05.17.10**

Dear RCC Family,

We have some important news about Emmaus Student Ministries that was shared with the students yesterday morning and with student ministry volunteers last night.

Mike Nunan, one of our two directors within Emmaus Student Ministries, and his wife are going to be leaving us. They will be moving down to Redwood City (where Mike grew up). They will both be working for a year down there with the intent of saving as much money as possible so that the following year they can move to Denver to attend seminary.

Obviously we are sad to see them go... He has been very influential in the creation and development of Emmaus Student Ministries and has a lot of wonderful gifts that he brings that makes the student ministry team work so well. However, at the same time we are very excited for them as they follow God's leading to the next step of ministry for them. The plan right now is that Mike's last day at the church will be June 30.

For Emmaus we have known about this potential transition for awhile now. We have been thinking about what might be next for us and what type of person we would want to hire to keep us moving forward in Emmaus. We decided that one of the key elements that we wanted to address is the area of worship, so we want the next person we hire for Emmaus to be gifted in this area. We have crafted a full time job description that includes this aspect for the next person we will hire and actually have already been interviewing to fill the position. In May, we offered the position to a strong candidate but he declined, deciding to stay where he was currently serving.

After our candidate turned down the job, we decided to move to plan B which would cover us for the summer. Plan B involves hiring some summer interns to help us cover things while we interview candidates for the permanent position with the hope of having the permanent position filled by the start of the Fall. The two full time interns for the Summer will be Mason Williams, who has grown up here at RCC and graduated from Emmaus last year. Mason just finished his freshman year at Colorado Christian University. The second person is Mallory Thompson, one of my former students from Kansas. Mallory is finishing up her sophomore year at Central Christian College in Kansas.

They will be working with us, helping to cover things, going on the Chicago Mission Trip and working with the praise band folks to get them ready for next year.

So, that's the plan for now... As we all know from what is happening with the wider church, transition is an unavoidable part of church life and while it is not always enjoyable, it usually leads us to new, exciting places. We will miss the Nunans but as God has next steps for them, we know He has next steps for us as well.

Please take the time between now and June 30 to let Mike and Sommer know how much we appreciate all they have done here and wish them God's best for the future. Pray for us as we seek a new Director in Student Ministries who will invest in our students and families, Lord willing, by September 1st, so they can help us launch our new school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any of this, we value hearing your thoughts, concerns and ideas.

Take Care and have a great week!

From Along the Way,

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Pastor of Student Ministries  
Redwood Covenant Church

