

Know-Love-Serve

The Rapp Family on Mission

As we Know Jesus we learn to Love Him. As we Love Him, we want to Serve Him and as we Serve Him, we grow to Know Him more. We will Serve at our “Engage” Church Planter Assessment event in Portland, OR and teach people to Know. We will Love and Serve in Aix-en-Provence at [iccp]’s Kids Week, and we will grow to Know Him more at Christian Associates’ “Connect” Staff Conference. Know-Love-Serve.

“Engage” Church Planter Assessment event in Portland, OR

Engage is our missionary assessment for those seeking to join Christian Associates and serve with us by *establishing Churches who follow Jesus in transforming their world*. As, Director of Recruiting, my job is Shepherding God's people toward their Calling, and our Engage process is the culmination of our application and assessment process. Our family will be serving at Engage in Portland this June.

[iccp]’s Kids Week in Aix-en-Provence, France

We are again working closely with The Ember Cast; a global student leadership tribe (theembercast.org), as we head back to Aix to serve our church, The International Christian Community of Provence [iccp]. Ember is led by my friend, Tony Sheng, and it's always a joy to be involved with them. We want to help launch these students into a trajectory where they understand the challenges of ministry in post-Christian, highly secular Europe and where they have the resolve to live lives that move the Gospel forward in any culture and any locality.

Recent statistics by the Joshua Project list France as having an evangelical population of just over 1%. Combine this with the post-Christian, secular, and pluralistic context of Europe and we find that Kingdom leaders, like those at [iccp], must push the edge of innovation. [iccp] has hosted a summer kids week for 9 years now, all in an effort to bless kids and their families in their city. We will be joining them both in the set up week and the actual hosting of the kids week. Last summer, our team came face to face with the gospel reality in much of Europe. We met a little girl who, after hearing the messages and watching the skits at kid’s week, asked one of our team who Jesus was and whether this book called the Bible was a secret book. Jesus’ name needs to be proclaimed in Aix-en-Provence!

In addition to Aix, our older daughter, Olivia, is working on another missions project with her friend Katie Sheng, who lives in Baltimore. The Shengs have served CA through numerous short term missions trips for years. We first met at our Staff Conference in Hungary 6 years ago. Olivia and Katie are currently working on a project that will have them in Madrid, working and learning from CA church planters there, for about 10 days after Aix.

Christian Associates’ “Connect” Staff Conference.

This summer will be the first time in four years that our family has been able to attend our Staff Conference. Teal has been attending, and it is so important for Megan, Olivia and Lexi to be around CA’s missionaries from all over the world, remembering what God has called us, as a family, to be a part of. Connect is just that. A time to connect with God and connect with others. A time to reinvigorate our Calling to the Mission He called us to.

We are looking forward to this summer impacting each of us on an individual level. We hope to grow deeper in our relationship with God, and also learn to glorify Him in everything that we do. We hope this summer will be filled with challenges that result in accomplishments and failures, and through it all, that we learn to trust God. We desire our actions to be intentionally proclaiming God’s love.

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