



CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST  
**TOM AND SARA GILSON** FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST

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**Twenty-seven years ago** two Campus Crusade staff members transferred to the Music Ministry Training Center: Tom Gilson, as a music ministry trainer after three years traveling with music groups; and Sara Jones, as a new music ministry staff member after three years in high school ministry. That same year, two brand-new staff members came through the training center as trainees: singer/pianist/trombonist Bruce Boyd, and singer/guitarist Julie Baugh. Sara Jones is of course now Sara Gilson; and Bruce and Julie married each other after that year, too.

Ancient history? In a way, yes, but no. **Bruce and Julie were among our very first trainees in ministry**, and they now have **three sons who have formed a Christian band, 3Union, that is coming to our city** (along with their parents) in mid-march. Ministry work we did twenty-seven years ago is coming back our way through the Boyds to bring a blessing to youth across our region. The boys, all of them still in their teens, are very musically talented, and Bruce and Julie have passed along to them their outstanding experience as Christian communicators.

Their main purpose here will be to **ignite a movement of Christian clubs in schools across the region**. It's a multi-school and multi-church effort, on which **Sara, Lisa, and Jonathan** have spent hours nearly every day for months now. Twelve churches have sent word that they are planning to bring their youth groups, and local businesses are firing up to help with promotion and sponsorships. Much hard work and prayer has gone into this, and we're excited to see it coming to fruition soon.

We think there may be as many as 1,000 people attending their **March 13 concert**. That number is much less important than what we're praying God will do in schools and youth groups following it. *Please pray that He will spark genuine unified Christian growth and outreach in high schools and middle schools across our region; and pray that the follow-through plans we're working on now will be led by God.*

**Meanwhile**, Tom is gearing up for one of his largest Campus Crusade projects to date, a strategic and organizational review of Campus Crusade's **Human Resource** (personnel and leadership development) function. He also has on his schedule to help lead a review of our "**marketplace ministries**," which are community-based outreaches to professionals, executives, and others in various cities.

And he is also scheduled to **speak the morning of March 13 at an apologetics conference** in nearby Chesapeake, VA. *Apologetics* is the study of reasons to believe Christianity is true. One of Tom's topics will be "Does Faith Make Sense In an Age of Science?" *Please pray that this will be a real encouragement to people who have real questions.*

In case you hadn't noticed the connection, **March 13 will be a big day for us**. *Please pray that God will keep all of us and our family strong and healthy through this date.*

We appreciate your partnership with us so much! Thank you for being on our team.

Yours in Christ,

*Tom & Sara*