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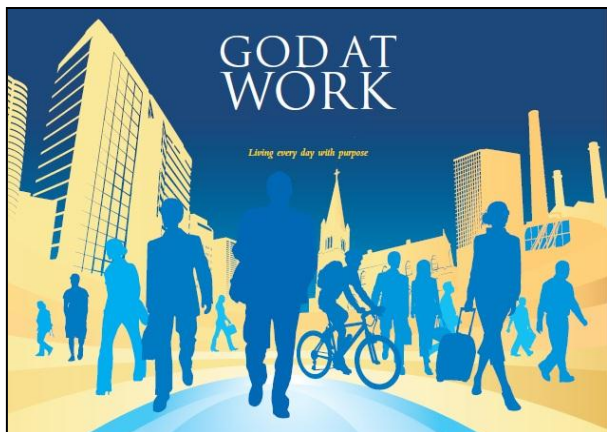
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Getting to Know: Priority Associates

Now that we are working with all nine of Cru's ministries here in New York, we'll be introducing one ministry to you in each of our newsletters!



Have you ever struggled with what it means to live out your faith in the workplace? In our pre-ministry careers we certainly did, especially here in New York.

Matt came to faith largely through the witness of Christian co-workers, so we're passionate about equipping other believers to do the same.

New York City is home to over five million professionals who shape the nation, set trends, and influence the world. Many of these professionals are searching for the tools they need to develop healthy relationships at and outside of work; wondering how they can be successful without compromising

their integrity; and looking to integrate their faith with their work.

And that's where Priority Associates, Cru's marketplace ministry, comes in. They partner with the city's professionals, equipping them with practical training so they will influence more than just the bottom line. Their focus is on teaching professionals how to be more than just the best they can be professionally. Their hope is that they would also help them develop personally, with a special focus on the spiritual aspects. Why? Their relationship with God influences everything — how they relate to their boss, coworkers, and clients.

They provide individual mentoring, ongoing group studies, quarterly development seminars and volunteer opportunities. If you live in New York and are interested in any of these, we would gladly put you in touch.

What are some of the ways we hope to serve Priority Associates? Executive Director Clay Cook wants to support churches as they equip their congregations. To that end, Matt recently assisted Clay by setting up meetings with pastors in Brooklyn. Going forward, we will make more connections – from helping professionals use their skills to serve churches in low income communities to mentoring and coaching college students.

Boxes of Love: Call for Donations and Volunteers



It's not too late to participate in Here's Life Inner City's Box of Love ministry this Thanksgiving! This year we hope to provide 4,000 boxes to families in need. To purchase a box of food that comes with Gospel materials, go to www.hlicnyc.org. You can also visit the site to watch short films highlighting the impact this ministry has had on individual lives!

Looking to volunteer? This year we're adding a family volunteer time for those of use who have kids! The packing party will take place on Sat. Nov. 19th. Contact us directly for details!

Neighborhood Update



Halloween – So trick or treating with your kids isn't exactly traditional ministry but it is a great way to spend time with and get to know your neighbors! We were excited this year to work with our neighbors to have trick or treating in our building for the very first time and 8 households participated. It was a great time!

Community Group – Just last weekend we crowded 16 adults and 16 kids into a house here in Crown Heights for a potluck dinner to officially kick-off the new community group we're starting. We're thrilled that so many people are committing to meet regularly to pray for one another and for the community. Thank you for all your prayers!

How You Can Be Praying

- Please pray for our health during these busy months. We are both struggling to stay healthy and often have a hard time figuring out how to do the things we need to do to be healthy!
- We praise God for all of you have partnered with us in recent months to meet our budget deficit. We have now raised \$500 in new monthly support, with another \$2,500 a month to go. We praise God that while we have a long way to go with fundraising, our basic needs have been taken care of. Please continue to pray that we would be introduced to new people who want to hear about what God is doing in New York City!

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