

HighWay Ministries+ + International

Steve & Missy Crowder

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Year of Discipleship

Dear HWMI Supporters,

Thank you for supporting HWMI and the Crowder family through your love, prayers and finances. My life was changed because you gave.

I grew up in a Christian family and recognized God's call on my life as a teenager. I pursued ministry

opportunities throughout high school, college and afterwards. I saw God's love and grace flow through me on countless occasions. However, I also saw countless examples of poor leadership and leadership misconduct in the churches and ministries where I worked.

I was crushed by the hurts

that others and I had experienced through church. By the time I first visited High Way, I was jaded; I knew what the Word said about the church and God's intent for community, but I was weary of trying and didn't want to trust again.

My first week at HWC, I encountered Jesus in a very real way. The Holy Spirit ministered to my heart and began a healing process in me. As I grew to know Steve and Missy, I found them to be an excellent example of biblical leadership: filled with the Word and with the Holy Spirit, genuine and transparent, unflinching in their pursuit of the Lord and in their love for others.

It has been a year and a half since I first visited High Way. I now know that High Way is a safe place for me, a community I can trust. The community here, partnering with the Holy Spirit, has loved me into a place of wholeness. I am excited about rediscovering God's gifts and anointing on my life as I partner with HWMI to bring the Kingdom of God to Boulder and to the world. Thank you for making my healing possible; it could not have happened without you.

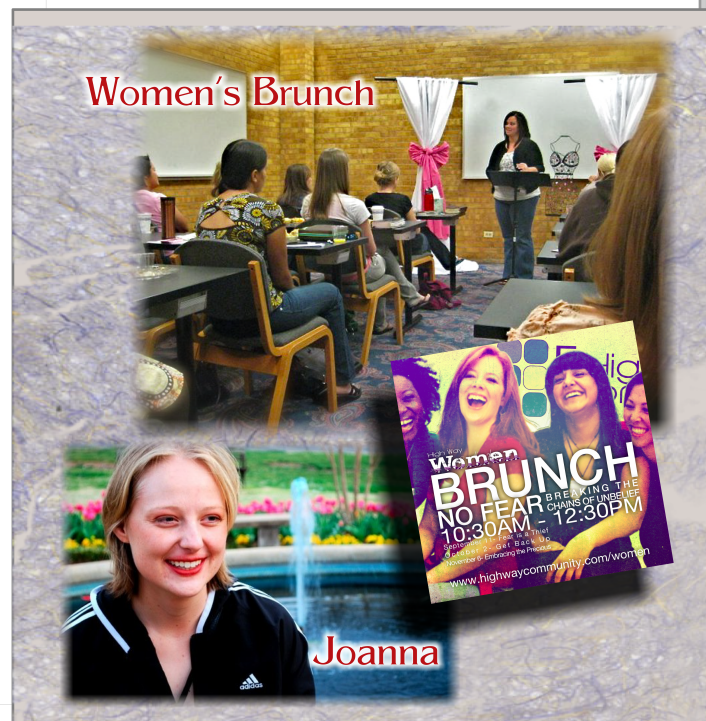
- Joanna

Church Life

Missy and I began our first Marriage Life Group for HWC. We have many young couples either considering marriage or in the early stages of marriage. It has been a blessing for us to share our experience with them while watching the Lord establish a firm foundation for their relationships. We are beginning a Parenting Life Group in January to set a course for strong families in our community.

This fall also marked the beginning of our women's ministry. Our Women's Brunch has quickly become an essential part of relationship building and discipleship among the women of High Way. In the first series, "No Fear", Missy encouraged the women to go beyond their fears and embrace who God has called them to be. We have already seen several women leave the sidelines and step out into ministry. Please pray for our next season of Women's Brunch starting in January on the topic of honor.

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HWC Camping Trip



Psalm 150:1 MSG "Hallelujah! Praise God in His holy house of worship, praise him under open skies;..."

Family Life in Colorado

Crowder Family Update

2010 has proven to be our busiest year as a family, filled with reward as we watched our children's personalities come alive and their own gifts recognized. Our oldest son, Lance, has continued to love the game of soccer; something that he and Steve share. Steve coached this past season for Lance's team, and they went undefeated! It was precious watching Steve pour into those boys, and Lance flourish under the loving guide of his dad. Lance is in 5th grade and doing great! He truly is a leader in the making. Derek has a new love - football! It was his first year to play, and he did quite well! His team was filled with boys who had never played before and they finished the season in 8th place. He is in 3rd grade and has been given the title of "class example" by his teacher. He is gifted at making all of us feel encouraged and want to continue when times are hard. Amber is transitioning from baby girl to a little girl, and it is so much fun to watch! She loves to sing and dance and is a part of a dance team that will perform a Christmas recital soon. She is in 1st grade and a friend to all. She calls herself a "lover of people" and nothing could better describe her. I could not be more proud of our kids! This past April, we celebrated 12 years of marriage by going on the same cruise we took for our Honeymoon. It was a much needed break that God provided for us, and I was so grateful! I love being with Steve and sharing dreams God has placed in our hearts to accomplish for Him. Out of all the goals we endeavor to achieve, raising 3 confident children who love the House of God rises to the top! I hope that each of you are filled with faith and courage as we march towards 2011! I pray that your mouth is filled with praise for those you hold dear, and that you leave a legacy of faithfulness to the House that will effect generations to come! We love you all! - Missy

Prayer Requests

James 5:16 (AMP) says that your prayers make tremendous power available, dynamic in its working. Your prayers are vital to the success of our ministry in Boulder. Please pray for:

- * Finances to increase in 2011
- * Wisdom for future decisions for Crowder family
- * High Way hearts to be receptive to 2011 speakers
- * More families to join High Way Community
- * Creative ways to reach Boulder



Preparing meals for the Homeless of Boulder County

Reminder

For each of you who are planning to give an end of the year financial gift to HWC, it will need to be post-marked on or before December 31 to receive tax credit in 2010. Thank you for all of your love and support this past year, as you continue to help us build a life-giving Church in Boulder, Colorado. We cannot do it without your faithful partnership. Doing Life Together - Steve

