

# HighWay Ministries+ International

Steve & Missy Crowder

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## Home Away from Home

Back in March, High Way Community celebrated it's three year anniversary with which we were beside ourselves with excitement! The very next day, I got a call that the high school we rent would be under construction for twelve weeks through the summer and that our church would have to relocate for that period of time. Confident that God was not caught of guard by

our surprise news, we put complete trust in His will to be done. The Community Rentals that we work with, jumped into gear and bent over backward to accomodate the change by lining up another facility 2.5 miles down the road and threw in a little discount to boot. Needless to say, it was a

fantastic summer...Home Away from Home!

A few of the highlights through the weeks were our involvement in the Boulder Creek Festival kids area, HeavenFest Christian Music Festival and hosting SIFA Children's Choir from Uganda! Our desire from day one has been to serve the beautiful city of Boulder...and what better way to serve than to love on the families! Every Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend, Boulder hosts festivals where organizations and businesses can set up booths to sell their wares or offer a service to the attendees. We stuck our foot in the door by renting a 10 x 10 space to host some kid carnival type games. The booth was a hit in the kids area being one of the only activities offered at no cost! Our desire is to keep expanding our booth area and maintain a consistant organizational presence at the festivals.

This year the annual Christian music festival of the Rockies, HeavenFest was Epic by all definitions! High Way's involvement has continued to increase with each passing year. Members of HWC served in such capacities as prayer covering, security, accounting and Missy

and I once again had the honor of pastoring the main stage artists for the day. I was overwhelmed by all the High Way volunteers at the event that helped make it a success for the 32,900 in attendance!

Probably one of the funnest moments of the summer came through a divine connection. We were able to host SIFA Children's Choir from Uganda on a Sunday morning! Their performance was amazing and Pastor Michael Muwonge shared what all God was doing in Uganda through SIFA (means "praise" in Swahili). With the thousands of deaths due to AIDS in their country, the orphan population has exploded and education is only a luxury for the well off. SIFA is impacting thousands by helping build an infrastructure where every child in Uganda can have access to a quality education and practical needs met. High Way is stepping in to partner with them on a monthly basis, and we all believe future mission trips to Uganda are on the horizon. This is now the third organization in Uganda that we have partnered with. Please pray for the children of Uganda. [www.sifachildren.org](http://www.sifachildren.org)

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Psalm 98:4 NIV "Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises."

## Summer Time Family Life

### Crowder Family Update

I miss summer time! I find myself saying this whenever summer is mentioned. My husband, Steve, and I have been in the ministry full-time for 15 years now. It has been a joy being asked by God to set ourselves aside to serve His Church, and even in the midst of trying times, we would not trade our life for any other adventure! These last five years we have been working very hard to establish a church that God could use to bring life and healing to the city of Boulder, and our children have been right here with us every step of the way! When asked about the task at hand, we often say that our kids have been the easiest part about moving here to Colorado. They have made this place home and have fully embraced what God has asked our family to do. As I write to you, I get emotional thinking of the lives that have been touched by our kids. They are a true blessing and reflection of God everywhere they go! As our Father in Heaven loves to reward His children, Steve and I wanted to give back to our kids for all that they have done. This summer we were given the opportunity to do just that! Our kids cheerfully share Steve and I with people on a regular basis, so we took June, July and part of August and spent as much time as we could with them. God provided season passes to Elitch Gardens (our Six Flags in Denver), golf clubs and mountain bikes for our kids, trips to San Antonio, Amarillo, and gave our kids their first beach experience at South Padre Island! Every day, Steve and I scheduled something fun to do with them, and we all had so much fun!

In the midst of all the fun, we were able to visit our families twice and on July 16, we expanded our family by my sister Judy Dillon marrying Justin Renfro!

I can't tell you how much we laughed and truly enjoyed one another this summer. Even though we may never have another summer that is just like this one, I am believing that my children will always feel the pleasure and favor of God on their lives! This summer marked a new season in the Crowder family, and I am filled with excitement for all that is to come! Please know how thankful we are for your love, prayers and support! As you give, not only are you reaching a city for Christ, you are also teaching my children that they are not forgotten! From a mothers heart... Thank you!

- Missy

Check out HWMI's new website @ [www.hwmi.info](http://www.hwmi.info) and our Facebook Page.

### Thank You

It is exciting to see God's hand at work throughout our ministry as He continues to provide through families and organizations! We are blessed to have Logozon, a printing company in Texarkana, partnering with HWMI and High Way Community to provide for all our printing needs. I hope each of you are touched and affected by the seeds they are sowing!

