

HighWay Ministries+ + International

Steve & Missy Crowder

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Leadership Development

My life was changed because you gave. I came to know Jesus when I was 18 years old. In college I was quickly connected to a collegiate ministry and became very active in its leadership. I participated in mission trips, discipleship, and establishing a house church network across the campus. It was during this time that God started to place the desire in my heart to

help plant a church and impact the community in an un-churched region of the United States.

At the end of my education, as many others do, I found myself with a diploma and a broken heart. So, in a somewhat rash manner, I decided to move to Boulder. What I intended as an escape

plan, God intended as a strategic move in my life. Sadly, I landed right in the middle of Boulder's party scene. I tried desperately to find a Church that I could call home; but I was unsuccessful for a long time. I fell into a habit of trying to drink away my broken heart.

The first time I went to High Way, Steve scrapped his sermon notes! He said, "I really feel like someone here needs to be ministered to today. I rarely do this, but the Holy Spirit is really telling me that He has something else planned for us today." I immediately knew I was supposed to be prayed for. I raised my hand and a group of guys gathered around me and prayed for me. I wept.

Over the next few years the people of High Way extended much grace to me. The Community has loved me through some difficult times and bad decisions. A little over a year ago God showed Steve and Missy that it was time for me to be challenged to step up. They have spoken truth into my life, and God has used them to draw out the gifts that He put inside me. These pastors and this community, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have helped me to recognize and embrace the call on my life in

ministry. Now I am helping plant HWC in the very un-churched region of Boulder, Colorado and we are certainly impacting the community! Your gifts to this ministry and your support of the Crowder Family have made a huge impact on my life.

Thank you. - Travis

Church Life

We are excited to share with you some updates for HWC & HWMI!

- March 13 marked the 3rd Anniversary of HWC! We are excited to see what this next year holds for us.
- HWMI has had its first ordination! Travis Melton is now in fellowship with this ministry and is the Community Pastor of HWC.
- HWC has appointed 6 men and women to make up the Executive team. This team will make the major decisions for the Church.
- HWC is now a part of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce!
- We had the honor of hosting the leaders of an organization called Redeem the Shadows. Their goal is to aid in stopping sex trafficking.

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Flatirons in the Winter

Psalm 76:4 NIV "You are radiant with light, more majestic than mountains..."

Family Life in Colorado

Crowder Family Update

Can you believe that it is March already? Spring has arrived and although we still have a few more months of snow here in Colorado, the seasonal change is good for the soul. Have you ever sensed change approaching before you actually knew what was going to be changing in your life? I don't think that there is a better way to describe the place from which my family and I live at this present moment. Change can sometimes have a negative tone to it, but if we live from God's perspective change can be filled with life and wonder! My oldest son, Lance, is about to finish 5th Grade and we are quickly approaching middle school and all of the change that comes with it - teenage years, new friends, more responsibility. My youngest son Derek will be moving on to 4th Grade and with it carry the weight of watching out for his little sister as Lance moves on to his new adventures and Amber, well she seems to become more of the beauty God desired her to be with every passing moment. I feel as though I am watching them change before my eyes and I have to say that I am so excited for this new season of Parenthood that Steve and I are approaching! As High Way Community turns 3 years old this month, we are met with new challenges, new dreams, new wins to celebrate and new leaders to train. I feel that this year is a pivotal moment in the life of our church family and that it will spill over into the life of the Crowder family as well. Feelings of excitement and anticipation build in my heart as I look through spiritual eyes into the near future of the "change" that is sure to come. If you feel that things are shifting in your life and you feel unstable, unsure - I want to encourage you to take a moment and look from your Father's perspective. He committed to never leave you and that is a promise that will never change! We love you all!!!! - Missy



Prayer Requests

In the growth of High Way Community, the leadership has set obtainable goals for 2011. We ask you to join us in praying for:

- * Offerings to be consistently over \$2000
- * 2 more teachers for Children's Ministry
- * More original songs to be written
- * More families to join High Way Community
- * God's presence to be tangible at our next Adoration



HWMI is now on
Twitter!
twitter.com/HWMI_churches

Thank You

We are already seeing the fruit of your prayers! A new family recently joined the church after the dad attended on a Sunday and committed his life to Christ for the first time. Also, we have seen the Lord expand our donor base and financially bless those who give. We cannot say thank you enough for partnering with us in reaching into our world to bring the life of Jesus Christ. You are making a difference!

