

SMALL GROUP

by John Frye

Cary and Cindy Orange arrived in Raleigh, February of 1996 with their two-year-old daughter, Katy. The Oranges quickly made Crossroads Fellowship their church home but found it was difficult to make new friends by only attending the weekly worship service. Remembering the fellowship of a strong, close-knit small group at their former church, they decided to get involved in a small group at Crossroads, which they did in the Fall of '96. It was through this small group that new relationships with other families were established that helped them feel connected and find their place at Crossroads.

Their small group served as a foundation for growth into other ministry areas at the church. In 1999, after taking off a year from small group to help out with the Wednesday night program, both Cary and Cindy once again sensed something was missing from their lives. Realizing again that it was the intimate experience of community in a small group, they looked to the Lord to consider forming a new group. Both had been active in leading small groups with Campus Crusade for Christ at Virginia Tech so they got together with a few other close friends and formed a group. It was not long before their small group was meeting, Cary was being supported by a small group coach, and members of their new group were beginning to serve in various areas of the church. This small group met from the Fall of 1999 to Spring of 2003.

Now, Cindy is actively leading MOPS which provides small group Bible study venues for mothers-of-preschoolers and Cary is working with the AWANA ministry and helping out as a coach for small group leaders. As they work to have a strong marriage, care for their three children and explore other ministry opportunities, they know God will continue to care for them through a small group fellowship. Both thank God for the valuable friendships they have made at Crossroads and look forward to helping others enjoy the same small group experience.



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