

Dear ministry partners,

After much thought and prayer, I have decided to end my staff career with Power to Change - Students. This time is truly bittersweet, especially as I am returning to work after a much-enjoyed year of maternity leave! While there are things I will miss about working with P2C, I am looking forward to what God has in store for me next.

When I started working with P2C in 2017, I was eager to serve with a ministry that influenced my faith as a university student. For the next season of my life, that's where I felt God was calling me to use my gifts and talents for His Kingdom. When I was off on maternity leave, it was a good time to reflect on what I wanted when I returned to work. I am in a different life stage than when I first graduated from university, and although I still believe that the ministry P2C-Students does is important, I was sensing that it was time for me to move onto something else.

If you have followed my updates on blog writing and online mentoring, you'll know that I care about mental health. A couple years ago, I took the Sanctuary course on mental health and faith with some other P2C staff. I recently saw that Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries was hiring for a communications position, and it sounded like a perfect fit for my work experience and passions. And I got it!

In my new job with Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries, I will be doing similar work that I have been for years: social media, writing, and editing. I'm excited to now offer my skills and expertise to a ministry whose mission is to help equip the church to be a safe space for those walking through mental health challenges. I will begin my job on November 21st and will continue working remotely.

You might be wondering, "What does this mean for my support?" If you are a monthly supporter, you can stop or redirect your donations at any time (contact Partner Care at give@p2c.com or call 1-855-722-4483). Once my staff account is closed, any remaining funds will go into the Staff Support Fund. I do not need to raise support with Sanctuary, so if you want to continue giving towards P2C, you can either donate to the ministry generally, or I can connect you with another staff member who could use your support (I listed a few co-workers below!).

- Shaylah Mahoney: currently raising support to work with Creative Communications and House of Worship
- Anton Lim: leads the NEXT initiative that helps connect high school students to Christian communities
- Josh and Deborah Wong: on P2C-Students leadership team (both have been my supervisors)

My sincerest thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement through it all! I honestly couldn't have done it without you.

The coming weeks and months will be an adjustment for sure. It will take some time to get used to working at a computer all day instead of caring for and playing with our little girl. Allen's parents recently moved to Ottawa, so they will be our main childcare for Lily during the day. It's so special that I can still be in the same building as them while I'm working and can even eat lunch together with my family.

Please pray that all these changes will go smoothly, both returning to work generally, and starting my new job in a couple weeks. I am so grateful for you and the ways you have partnered with me in this ministry. You have impacted my life and the lives of countless students through your support and love.

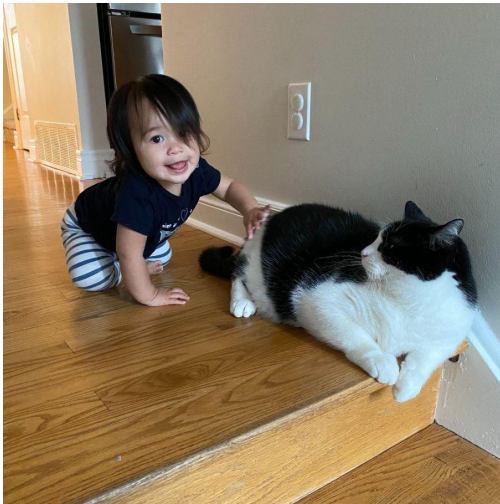
May God bless you and care for you. He is so faithful!

Much love,

Maddie Garcia

Here are some recent photos of Lily for your enjoyment. She's a friendly, silly, determined little girl. It's so much fun to watch her learn and grow!





P.S. If you need to get a hold of me after November 18th, you can email me at madisonjgarcia18@gmail.com.