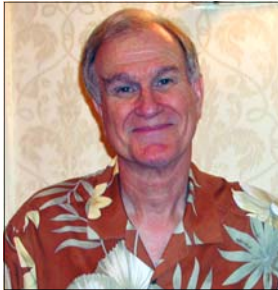




Legacy Builders



One person I have worked closely with the past five years is **Rae Mellichamp** (*left*) on writing and web projects for our 100 faculty ministry staff.

As I have overseen the creation of websites, and weekly essays to professors, Rae has been both a sounding board and the source of “how profs will feel about this.”

Rae retired after 25 years as a professor of management at the University of Alabama — and then joined the staff of Campus Crusade fulltime to be a national representative.

Rae comments: “Most successful professors in the university can point to a senior professor who has had an impact on them personally.

“Looking back over my career, I think the most difficult aspect of it was that there were no role models for me to follow. I was not fortunate as a graduate student to be mentored in how to succeed in the university; consequently, I pretty much had to discover this by trial and error.

“No Role Models for Me”

“But my concern about role models goes much deeper than this. For me, there were *no* models of what it was to be a Christian professor. What is a Christian professor? What differentiates a Christian professor from any other professor or from a professor who just happens to be a Christian?”



Rae has devoted much of his life to answering that question. He has authored many of our Monday Ministry Minutes that go to professors across the country; and he authored *Ministering in the Secular University*

that is a manual for faculty ministry. Plus established faculty ministry in Poland and Taiwan.

Rae has taken his own words about role models to heart. One fellow professor at Alabama he has mentored is **Phil Bishop** (*right*) who is an exercise physiologist. Phil often talks about the example Rae has been to him of a Christian faculty.



Phil and I have spoken at several universities in Mexico together, where he has given academic talks and shared his faith, while I met with the local CCC staff about faculty ministry. We even sat thru a hurricane for three days in a small hotel in Mexico.

Phil also writes many Ministry Minutes and humbly gives me wide latitude to edit his prose.

“I Am Only Passing Through This World”

Each time I am around Phil, I am impressed by his desire to make a difference. I have to pry out of him any achievements like working for NASA, teaching awards, or being an editor for *Deer & Deer Hunting* magazine. He would rather focus on the eternal.

He says: “Every time I see myself in the mirror, God reminds me that I am only passing through this world, I am not a permanent resident. God uses many metaphors to remind us of this, with my favorite being, ‘What is man, but a vapor that existeth for a while, and then passes away’.”

Recently Phil told me about Dr. Matt Green, a younger exercise physiology prof whom he is mentoring. Matt spent four years with Phil before moving on to another campus.

It’s a reminder to me that caring about people is *the* lasting legacy.

—Steve & Sarah