

# SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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## Helpful Words

For the past five years I have had the privilege of working alongside two Christian professors from the **University of Alabama**: Rae Mellichamp and Phil Bishop. They are having a tremendous ministry through words AND actions.

They both write essays (Ministry Minutes) which I send to thousands of Christian professors each week, telling of their successes and failures in living for Christ on campus. Here are some of the responses we received this year:

“Your Ministry Minute today brought tears to my eyes. It was exactly what I needed to face the difficult situation in my department.”

“I read these every week and find it the single bit of encouragement I get as a Christian on campus.”



## Discipleship

Rae and Peggy Mellichamp (*above*) started the Christian Faculty Fellowship at the University of Alabama more than 25 years ago when Rae was a professor of management in the College of Business.

- They attended Campus Crusade student meetings
- They hosted student Bible studies in their home
- Rae taught faculty Bible studies
- Peggy started ministries to faculty wives
- They both ministered to international students
- Rae gave evangelistic talks to student groups

Upon retiring, they joined the staff of Campus Crusade fulltime and are national representatives in faculty ministry. Rae has authored books for Christian faculty, spoken at numerous campuses and conferences — and been a discipler.

## The Bishop

Phil Bishop (*right*) is a kinesiology professor at Alabama. He credits Rae Mellichamp with showing him how to be a Christian professor on a secular university campus.



- Phil watched Rae lead the Christian Faculty Fellowship
- Phil heard Rae talk about sharing his faith with students
- Phil saw Rae lead Bible studies for students
- Now Phil speaks at evangelistic meetings
- He also speaks in Latin American and Middle Eastern countries, both as a professor and a Christian

“We have plenty of people who talk about what we ought to do as Christians. What we are often missing are models. Someone to show us *how*.”

— Howard Hendricks, *Dallas Seminary*

## “I Could Have Gone To Jail”



Eric Jones (*left*) was a graduate student of Phil Bishop at Alabama. School was not always his forte.

“I think in high school I would have been voted ‘Most Likely To Be Incarcerated.’ But I went to college, liked kinesiology, and applied to grad school.

“At Alabama I met Phil Bishop, who showed me what it meant to be a Christian, and then what it meant to be a Christian professor. He mentored me, encouraged me and was a tremendous example.

Recently Eric sent me his own Ministry Minute, which I sent across the country last month. He explains: “I am a new professor at Stephen F. Austin University. I want to be an example to others, just as Phil Bishop was for me.”

*Thanks for making it possible to bring Christ to others on campus.*

*- Steve*