

A Week In Texas

May 2012

We thought you might want to know some of the things we were involved in last week:

Monday: Denton—Sharing A Story

Editing an essay by Heather Holleman, a Penn State English professor. She explains that during a barn fire, horses will try to return to the “safety” of their stall. To prevent this, horses must be led away and tethered. In times of crisis, we run to familiar behaviors, even if they aren’t wise. Staying tethered to Jesus brings safety — and healing. Heather prays for God’s healing on the Penn State campus after all of the scandals and firings. (We then sent her essay to 2500 Christian professors; it’s on our website. *See below.*)



Tuesday: Austin— University of Texas

Christian professors met for lunch in the Engineering Building. They looked at the question of how to present Christ to a video-game generation of high school and college guys. Afterward, retired professor Don Davis (*right*) presented a book which he edited to a colleague. More than a dozen Christian professors at the University of Texas wrote about their relationship with Christ in *The Truth Shall Make You Free*, which is also the inscription on the façade of the “Tower” or Main Building on campus.



Wednesday: San Marcos— Texas State

My trip to Austin and San Marcos was to accompany Campus Crusade staff members David and Karen Ness (*right*) and observe how they minister to faculty. As a regional coach, I am there to encourage and minister to staff like David and Karen as they minister to others.

David is a missionary kid from Kenya with a Ph.D. in anthropology; Karen’s father was an oil executive and they lived in a number of countries. As a couple they have ministered for nearly 20 years and bring a passion for Christ, and a love for the professors they visit. On the San Marcos campus, Christian faculty had their final luncheon of the year and prayed for each other.



Thursday : Denton — North Texas

Steve met with 10 Christian professors to discuss “What is it that God has put on your heart for this university?” They are part of a larger group of Christian professors who seek to honor God each day in their classes and office interactions. We feel honored to be working with them. Over the summer they will be reading a book on finding common ground for sharing their faith with those who don’t know Christ.



Friday : Denton — Internet Staff Team

As we transition to leading faculty ministry staff and professors in a 10 state area, we have had to give up leading the team of Campus Crusade staff who manage all of our websites. They are very talented and hard working people who sometimes go unnoticed — most of us never think about who might be the source of a good website. Our end-of-the-year dinner with them included Sarah’s bacon-wrapped jalapeños. The real ones disappeared fast; here’s a photo (from a website!) if you’ve never tried them before...

Thanks for making all of this possible!

