

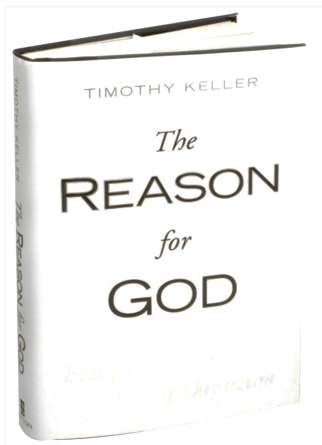
Dave Johnson (*right*) works with faculty at two Wisconsin universities in the northwest corner of the state: UW-Eau Claire and UW- Stout. He is one of the staff members I coach in America's heartland --from the Rio Grande to the Canadian border.

Dave is comfortable in academia – perhaps because he is a Stanford grad; perhaps because he has spent 40 years as a Campus Crusade staff member on America's campuses.

Last month I spent time with him on both campuses. Some highlights:



## “I’m an unbeliever --- and yet..”



For more than a year now, Dave has initiated conversations with more than 100 professors – both Christian and nonChristian – and asked about their own spiritual journeys. As a result of his initiative, he has three groups of faculty reading through Tim Keller's *Reason For God*, which answers tough questions about the Christian faith.

I sat in on one of his groups: three professors were Christians, and three were nonChristians. One woman said at the outset: “I’m an unbeliever in Christianity, and yet I found Tim Keller’s arguments compelling.” They discussed how the historicity of the Gospels made the life of Christ worthy of study by people of all persuasions.

## Still A Revolutionary

Dr. Xuedong Ding (*right*) was one of the protesting students in Tiannamen Square in 1989. A friend three feet to his left was shot by the Chinese military. Ding and other friends scattered and hid. Years later he came to Christ, came to the United States, and teaches operations management at UW-Stout.

Today he befriends students from his homeland, extends American hospitality, and offers the opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ. Many of them had information about Christ suppressed back home; now they are able to learn about the One who causes revolution in the heart.



# And Lone Star Stories

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## University of North Texas

On Sept 12. Dr. Joseph Oppong, a VP for research at UNT, spoke at a kickoff service for the semester. He recalled that on 9/11 courageous firefighters rushed into buildings to save lives. That, he said, is the role of Christian faculty who are called to reach out to their colleagues.

This week a professor told me about three non-Christian students who want to meet her and talk about Christianity. The professor had mentioned that she was open to discussing spiritual journeys, and these students took her up on the offer!



## Texas Woman's University

Dr. Nancy DiMarco is in her final year as a fulltime faculty member. At a luncheon for 40 faculty and staff, she talked about loving students as Jesus loves them, and how she lets students know that they need not be afraid of sharing who they are in college – even if that means sharing that they are Christians who follow Him.



## Seattle

This summer our son and daughter-in-law moved to Seattle. This past weekend we were able to visit them for the first time – great weather (it didn't rain), great seafood, and a wonderful opportunity to share in their lives, if only for a short time.

*Thanks so much!*

*--- Steve & Sarah*

