

November 26, 2014

We hope this Thanksgiving weekend is a time of remembering God's goodness. We wanted to catch you up on some encouraging things that have happened.

October: University of Oklahoma

Nancy, a professor at OU, told me how her life had been falling apart. Desperate for answers, she began to talk with some of the Christian students who stopped by her office; she had noticed their peace and joy. A few months later she trusted Christ.

That was three years ago... Recently a troubled student was sitting in her office when he grabbed a Christian book off her desk. He let Nancy know a few weeks later that he had read the book and trusted Christ shortly afterward!



November: Texas A&M University

I met a professor named "Wick." Back during his own undergraduate days at A&M, Wick had no interest in knowing God. In graduate school his major professor led him to Christ and told him to attend Campus Crusade meetings for follow up and growth. Now years later at A&M, Wick is a tenured professor. He told me "I want to spend time with students who were just like me – totally uninterested in God – and help them find Jesus."

March 2015: University of Bologna

Next year Sarah and I will spend time at a much different campus: only 10 of the of 100,000 students profess to be Christians -- the University of Bologna. Most students were baptized in a church as infants -- *and have not been back since*. They have a national heritage of Catholicism, but no personal connection to the church or any of its teachings.



Their outlook betrays a sense of hopelessness – the unemployment rate after graduation is 43% -- and a belief that the church has used all its money and control for its own benefit. We hope to make a difference in individual students' lives!



We are bringing Fred and Lareen Hamilton with us. Fred (*left*) is a professor of jazz guitar at the University of North Texas – one of the top two jazz schools in America – and a very committed Christian believer. Bologna hosts a national jazz festival each year, and Fred will find “open doors” both in and outside the classroom. You can read his story at www.fredhamilton.com.



For more than four years, CRU at North Texas has sent teams of Christian students to Bologna to share Christ – but this is the first time a tenured prof from UNT will be going along as well.

As we plan for 2015, would you consider an extra donation to CRU/Campus Crusade? Your gift will allow us to continue to work both on campuses in the United States, and in a land of crowded classrooms but empty cathedrals, with the life-changing message of Christ.



Thanks...

Steve & Sarah

P.S.....

There are two very short videos about the spiritual conditions in Italy at our website:

www.steveandsarahpogue.org

Click “**ITALY**” at the top of the site!