
They Bring Good News

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Muncie, IN

This fall semester, more than 40 students have received Christ on the Ball State University campus. I visited there last month and talked with their team of staff members and interns (*below, right*) who are following up these new believers.

They also want to minister to and with Christian faculty. Several professors created a Christian faculty group this fall and wanted help in knowing how they could live out their faith both individually and as a group. We suggested next steps and provided materials that other campuses have used.

Please pray for further interactions with them by phone and email as they seek God's direction in how to grow.



Minneapolis

More than 35 professors from 7 universities met with us for a day in Minneapolis to learn ways to be more effective in living out their faith on and off campus:

Facing The Giants

Overcoming a fear of being open about faith when it's easier to be silent on campus.

Contentment

A professor has had to limit moving and career advancement for a son with special needs; how to be content in difficulties.

Managing Me

Results of studying 200 time management books reveals points in identifying and achieving what is most important.

Afterward, professors commented on the practical tools they could take back to their campuses.

But does all of this really matter?



What He Heard In Class

Dr. Walkup,

The first words I heard in a classroom at Texas Tech 30 years ago were yours. As you introduced yourself you said that you loved electrical engineering but that the most important thing in life was Jesus Christ. And if anyone wanted to talk about that, your office was always open.

As a Christian and a scared little freshman, it was a great encouragement. I've been telling people about your words all these years.

--- Burke



Not Simply A Nice Guy

I forwarded Burke's email to John Walkup (*right*) who joined Faculty Commons fulltime after retiring from Texas Tech. He explains the value of a brief but clear witness:

"If there was anything good about my teaching, I didn't want students to think I was simply a nice guy, and rob God of His glory. So I always explained I was a Christ follower.

"Many times we are little aware of the positive impact that our lives have for God's kingdom. But occasionally God lifts the veil to give us a glimpse of how He has used us."



Telling Every Student About Jesus

It is our prayer that someday every student attending four (or more) years of college will have at least one professor who identifies herself, or himself, as a follower of Jesus Christ.

With many students from unchurched backgrounds, and unlikely to seek out a church or Christian group in college, having a professor identify as a Christian may be their best opportunity to see a believer up close, week after week. And in times of seeking answers, they may turn to that professor whose kindness and joy hints at something deeper than outward success.



Thanks for making all this possible.

We hope you have a wonderful month celebrating the Savior.

-- Steve & Sarah

