



The World's Students Come to Us

“I Became a Christian Two Months Ago”



Jin-Wan (*left*) came from China to pursue a doctorate in engineering. I met him at a seminar last month at one of our student conferences. “I recently became a Christian,” he told me. “It was after attending a Bible study nearly two years at my American university— and now I want to know Bible, so much Bible.”

Jin-Wan heard Dr. Todd Primm (*below, left*) speak at that same conference about what it means to follow Christ in graduate school. Primm is a biology professor at Sam Houston State near Houston.



“There is a great opportunity to follow Christ and have an influence in academia,” Todd said. “Grad school is really hard, but if you do well you can have a good job as a professor.”

“The question is, ‘*Who* will you do it for? For yourself and to make yourself look good, or to please Christ? Will you serve students or make them only serve your own success?’ God wants you to please Him. I am a professor in part because I want to help nonChristian students know Christ.”

“God Has Opened Doors Here”



One of my privileges is coaching some wonderful staff members with Cru. Paul Hartgrove (*left*) took an early retirement from the insurance world to work with professors. At the University of Texas Dallas, he is finding many professors who are interested in growing in their commitment to Christ.

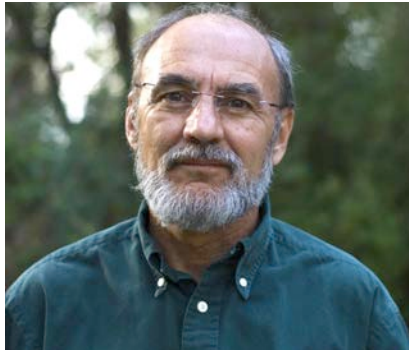
“It is amazing how even in this first year on the UT-Dallas campus that God has connected me with so many Christian professors who want to have a ministry,” Paul explains



“One of my first appointments was with Dr. Cho; he told me how much he wanted to see students hear about Christ, and I keep meeting others like him.”

“The UT-Dallas campus is one of top 25 universities in the nation by ethnic diversity (*USN&WR*). I love meeting students from so many backgrounds and nations – I feel like God has given me the opportunity to bring Christ to the world,” Paul said.

Guatemala: Going To Them



This week Steve will be in Guatemala with Dr. Phil Bishop (*left*), professor of kinesiology at the University of Alabama. We were asked by the national director of Cru in Guatemala to train their Christian faculty.

Phil has trained faculty in a number of Latin American in how to share their faith, both with students and colleagues, and how to mentor younger Christians. A decade ago we traveled to Latin America together and presented seminars mainly in English; now we have materials in Spanish to leave with these eager Christian professors.

Please pray that we will be both good listeners and good communicators with these many wonderful professors!

Keeping It Civil in Texas...



Two weeks ago we helped organize “*A Civil Dialogue: An Atheist and A Christian Professor.*” More than 50 high school students who attend North Texas’ gifted and talented college came to hear two professors disagree, yet remain friends.

Nandika, the Christian, talked about how Jesus was at the center of her life and how it affected everything she did. Victor, the atheist, said he saw no reason for God – but admitted his regular attendance at synagogue because Judaism is a moral system he admires.

We hope programs such as this one lead to conversations between students who may have thought that Christians only preach and don’t listen. And in listening, these believers do have opportunities to share about the One who came to us – to give forgiveness and new life.

Thanks...

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