

Charlie Biles and Dave Engle



Mark Robinson



Todd Primm



Two years ago I met Dr. Charlie Biles, professor of chemistry at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. He said that he knows God called him to be a Christian professor years ago and tries to lives that out.

Last month he brought 10% of the faculty to lunch where Dr. Dave Engle of Oklahoma State discussed how to live out their faith. (I have learned they come to hear Dave, not me!)

Charlie remarked afterward: "Dave opened the eyes of many of us to the opportunity we have at ECU to be a light to our colleagues and students. They were impressed that he encouraged us to discover how to reflect Jesus to our students and colleagues in our own, unique ways."

This past year we have also begun working with churches in college towns. I have really appreciated getting to know Mark Robinson. Mark is pastor of Wildwood Church in Norman -- home to the University of Oklahoma. When he was a student at OU, he never had a professor mention being a Christian – a fact he now finds troubling.

After meeting Dave Engle and me in October, Mark invited us to speak in January at a luncheon for 10 of the professors who attend his church. He told us: "Thank you for your care for faculty. As an OU grad, I am trusting God to do big things on our campus."

We have known Dr. Todd Primm a professor of microbiology at Sam Houston State University, for more than five years. In addition to being a fulltime prof he lead Cru's student ministry. But Todd sensed that it was time for a change.

This past year Todd said: "I looked around and saw that there are many ministries to Christian students – but no one was ministering to the professors." Last fall we began praying and talking about God's direction in how to start Faculty Commons on his campus.

He and his wife Beth began hosting dinners at their home for Christian professors to explore how to be more effective as believers on campus. They now have a leadership team of four providing direction for future events.

Prayer Request:

Many of the Cru students that Sarah has worked with at Texas Woman's University will be graduating this spring. Among them are some great leaders. Please pray for their post-college lives to honor Christ, and for God to raise up new leadership in the student ministry there.

As always, thanks for making all this possible!

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