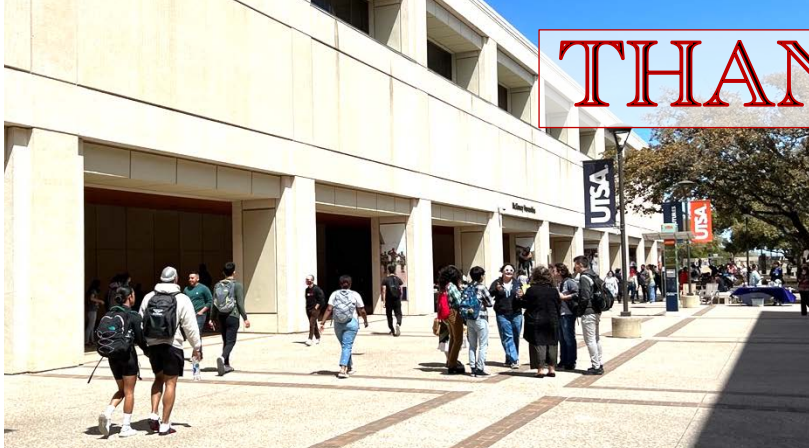


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We asked you to pray for visits to the UT-San Antonio and the University of Oklahoma. God answered your prayers. Here are stories from a few of the 15 professors we met.

“I might have made more money with an engineering firm, but I know God has called me to be a professor, to influence lives and be a witness,” said Dr Gabriel Awolusi, (*right*) civil engineering professor at UTSA.

Originally from Nigeria, he has excelled as a teacher, researcher and now as an administrator. He wants to see Christian professors encourage each other and be visible and a blessing to the university. “There is such a need for Christian professors to encourage each other to be strong and caring and convey the love and hope of Christ.”



Dr. Meizi He (*right*) grew up in China but has been a professor at UTSA for more than 20 years. “One of my research areas focuses on faith-based community health promotion,” she told us.

She has works with 26 churches in low income areas of San Antonio to promote healthy living for children and adults. This also allows churches important ways to engage about the message of Christ as people learn that His followers meet physical and spiritual needs.



“While the death of a spouse is considered the most stressful event of someone’s life, the death [murder] of a child could probably top that one. I have experienced both.” Dr. Edwin Barea-Rodriguez (*right*)

Edwin is a professor of neurobiology at UTSA. He radiates joy despite these losses. He has led the Christian faculty group at UTSA and is interested in ways he can help other professors know Christ. When we met we talked about ways to gather virtually with faculty from other universities and share ideas to implement on their campuses.



Ben Seiler (*right*) directs the undergrad student ministry of Cru at the University of Oklahoma. “Professors are key to the university,” Ben said. “They are the long term influencers.”

I was accompanied by Dorsey McIntosh (*far right*) who is an alumnus of Oklahoma and now directs the Faculty Commons ministry at Vanderbilt University. Dorsey became a Christian nearly 50 years ago as an OU fraternity pledge, so while meeting with professors last month he shared how God had changed his life as a student. “In 1968 I finally understood what it meant to know Christ personally - -- and my life has never been the same since,” he said.



Our next step is to involve all of these professors in small group Bible studies using materials designed especially for academia. Thanks for allowing us to represent you on campus.

Steve and Sarah