

This week a Christian professor at a nearby campus received a thank you note. A graduate thanked him for telling him how to stay a committed Christian throughout college. The young man heads to medical school this fall and appreciated his chemistry teacher modeling faith. For many years "Dr. B" has helped students discover a relationship with Christ or encourage those who are already Christians to thrive spiritually. He is one of a growing number who pray daily for God to direct their steps on campus.

Praying Together



Christian professors also need the encouragement of others to be faithful followers of Jesus. They can feel isolated as the only Christian in their department or college. For years we have prayed that the UNT College of Music (among the nation's largest) will also be known for the presence of Christ's followers.

Now music professors gather often to pray -- and their music students are leading their own weekly Bible study and prayer time to be a visible witness to others.

Growing Small Groups



Profs in four states have helped me create 60 small group Bible lessons that address aspects of academic life: dealing with quirky people; the pressure to publish, work-life imbalances as well as disappointments, and the allure of acclaim. They are being used at more than 30 universities around the country.

Professors remark "These groups deal with issues I face daily on campus; they understand my world. Plus I have a clearer sense of why God has called me to serve Him – I'm His ambassador."

Our prayer for professors this month is Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." The university can be a place of anxiety, fear and distrust. Please pray that professors will trust Jesus each day and that their source of hope will be evident to each new generation of students.

