

Merry Christmas from the Menig's

Dear Ministry Friends!-

"I've never heard anything like this before. Thank you for sharing this Jesus with me," Rachid said, *"your story has changed me."* Those words still burn on my heart as I remember our time in Morocco, over a decade ago. I remember, Rachid saying them with tears in his eyes as he understood for the first time how different Jesus in the Bible is- Savior and Lord, from the Jesus in the Koran- just a prophet.

Over the past 15 plus years, Wendy and I have been able to talk and share with young people on university campuses throughout California and many other countries. Students in hurting relationships, feeling lost, feeling hopeless.

Reaching out to students who are a lot like we were 20+ years ago, has been a big part of our calling. We have been encouraged on campus realizing that we are meeting them at a crossroads as they navigate who they will be and what they might do with their lives.



"I've never heard that before, the part about God loving me. Are you sure that is true?"

It doesn't matter if we have been on a campus in Morocco, Australia, Santa Barbara or San Diego; students respond the same way, *"I've never heard that before...are you sure that is true?"* I'm often reminded of God's call to Isaiah, ***"Whom shall I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?"*** Then I said, ***"Here I am. Send me."*** God used that verse in our lives as college students, then in 1995 used it again in calling us to join staff with Campus Crusade for Christ...and that flame still burns in us today.

Wendy and I continue to be ready to answer the call as we minister to college students. Why? Because we are seeing lives change. Recently, we were at a conference with over 200 student leaders from campuses throughout California. Seeing them wrestle with their future and what it will look like for each of them to walk with God for a lifetime; whether in full-time ministry or in the marketplace. We considered it such a privilege.

We know that you also continually answer the call, partnering with us through Campus Crusade for Christ, to offer hope to young people. **In fact woven through the fabric of Rachid's story and many others, are your prayers and financial support.** It is a mystery, but when these stories are told in Heaven, we will all have a part in the telling. That's so cool!

As you get this letter, it is Advent. A time of expectation, of hope and waiting for the Savior; anticipating Christ's birth. I've been using some of the time to remember my own past. Remembering my hope that there was something more to this life than I was experiencing.

If you've seen our letter from the summer, you will remember the names on the stars. We've included one of those in this letter. Each star represents a student around the world who heard about Jesus or gave their life to Christ this year [*if the name on your star seems odd, it's from a secure country*]. At a conference we led, we wove the stars together to create a visual memory of all that God had done through the students we sent out.

I've been thinking that they also represent students who were waiting, hoping and anticipating their lives to change. Christ offers that change. Christ brings that hope.

We don't know exactly what is happening in your life as you read this. But, we pray that you are able to hide away a bit from the busy-ness of the holiday season and meet with Jesus. To hear from God the words he spoke to his own Son, 'This is my son [or daughter] in whom I am well pleased.'



We greatly appreciate the sacrifices you are making on our behalf. Knowing you stand with us means so much and we are humbled with your partnership as you build the kingdom through your generosity.

Like many, we also share in the difficult times many households are experiencing, including monthly shortfalls and some unexpected out of pocket medical expenses, and we have some additional needs related to our annual CCC Winter Conference coming up- where hundreds of students are challenged to consider missions.

We ask you to prayerfully consider helping us with a year-end gift in addition to your regular monthly or annual support. Even if you are not able to help financially, please continue to pray for us. *We also consider it a great privilege when you share prayer needs with us.* Please use the enclosed response card and envelope to share those with us whether you are lead to help us with a gift or not.

Thank you for standing with us as we share God's words of life to students and pray we see many more 'stars' in 2012.

In His grip for transformed lives,

Kyle, Wendy, Malia, Carter & Avery

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