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Dear Friends,

Every year we set out to win people to Christ. We build into those wanting to grow. We help students have a ministry during college. We invest in them believing their greatest achievements for Christ can happen after they graduate. We seek to release them to every nation and occupation, to reach the lost, bless churches, transform communities, and make disciples wherever they go.

A favorite way we help guide students to be sent ones is through a 24-hour event called *Pause*. Recently 70 potential-filled upperclassmen from several Wisconsin colleges participated in *Pause*. Solid biblical perspective with practical teaching, ample time for reflection, process groups for discussions, an insightful self-assessment test, and even a guided trip to Forest Hills Cemetery in the snow combined to make a memorable and impactful event. If you know the name Roger Hershey, you know why I was thrilled that he accepted my invitation to be our main communicator. Thousands have benefited from his messages.

Students overwhelmingly expressed how good the weekend was, combining core ideas with some new insights. From my own and past graduates' comments, I know these concepts matter as students tackle looming big decisions about marriage, jobs, and ministry opportunities as well as the decisions they'll have following Christ over a lifetime.

UW alumnus Sam attended *Pause* ten years ago as he was wrapping up his degree. Who would have guessed what directions God would take Sam over those years since graduation? As he's followed the Lord, he interned on our team in Madison and then years ago was moved to multiply his life into others as a full-time Cru staff member based in Minnesota. God is now using him as a team leader in the Twin Cities.

It's encouraging to remember many examples like Sam now serving in a variety of occupations and settings.

It'll be exciting to see how and where the current upperclassmen step in to serve Christ in the future. May their hearts always be soft and their faith ever strong as they discover and live out their calling in whatever fields God calls them.

We can't thank you enough for backing our efforts to raise up laborers for Kingdom work. Even with increasing challenges in economy and culture, campus ministry remains crucial.



Sam bumped into me on campus this fall during a discipleship appointment with two budding sophomores. It's fun knowing he's serving at Bonnie's and my alma mater while we continue to serve at his.

As we wrap of the year, we must invite you to help with substantial expanding personal and ministry expenses. Not only has our dollar gone less far, but we have had less dollars in our account which has resulted in short pay checks from Cru, below what we need to cover our salary.

Furthermore, a couple family members faced extraordinary medical expenses including a weeklong hospital stay for Julia which resulted in a diagnosis of ulcerative colitis. Positively, it's been amazing to see how well our oldest daughter has been handling this sometimes-strenuous chronic condition.

Beyond these immediate funding needs, there's additional opportunities like a 16-person mission trip I'm stepping in to lead this spring to Ecuador to offer families clean water and the gospel, both of which are life-changing.

So, if you can, please offer a generous gift. We'd gratefully welcome that today at [ScottandBonnie.com](http://ScottandBonnie.com). That site also explains how to give stock, IRA charitable rollovers, and other non-cash options.

With a tightening economy, contributions are as important as ever for us and this challenging, yet eternally significant, work. This is a work in which you share in the fruit through your care and investments.

Together with you in winning,  
building, and sending in Christ,

*Scott Roe*

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# The Roe Family

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& Valkyrie