



The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Friends,

April 19 seemed like a typical Wednesday until it wasn't.

I had discipleship meetings with a couple sophomores and then a couple juniors on campus. After a short conversation with a freshman I ran a practice for my son's 5th and 6th grade boys volleyball team that my daughter Julia helps me coach. (This has been a fun experience to share before she leaves for college in a few months.) Julia and Evan drove separately, so I arrived home about 6:20 p.m. to find Bonnie alone and uncomfortably hunched over a kitchen counter.



She gasped that she thought she might be having a panic attack. She hadn't had one before, but didn't know why else she was having labored breathing for about 5 minutes. She asked me to find Julia's old inhaler, which didn't help. Instead she progressively got worse fast and when I saw that her face was turning gray and her lips blue, I got super concerned and dialed 911. I encouraged Bonnie to lie down on the floor desperate to try and help her. She was scared, as was I.

The EMTs were quick to arrive and usher Bonnie into an ambulance. But instead of racing off, it remained in the street. I peered through the shaded windows and saw they were intently working on her. We know now liquid was filling her lungs. After a couple hours, she was sedated, in the ICU, and on a ventilator. At least she was stabilized but doctors didn't know the origin of this health crisis and her prognosis was uncertain.

We know life is uncertain so even unforeseeable traumatic situations like this shouldn't be too shocking. In this moment, with life seemingly hanging in the balance, it was relieving to have our ultimate hope in Christ. We're comforted by the understanding that he knows us, he loves us, and has the ability to spare our lives, but also is good and trustworthy even if not. Even if we were to face great loss and disappointment in this life, we need not be crushed or lose hope for eternity.

Additionally, it was also sweet to have the tangible concern, prayers, and help of people who became aware of the situation and reached out to care for our family.

Bonnie doesn't remember the day and a half intubated until the morning the amazing medical team reduced the sedation so she could re-enter the world of independent breathers. After a few more days, she returned home and is more and more engaging in her previously normal life.

She's regularly monitoring blood pressure as that likely contributed to this event. Lately the issue has been too low of blood pressure, which we trust will be resolved as they tweak medication levels and finds healthy life-style choices that will keep this freak event from repeating.

We appreciate your prayers,

Spring Break Mission Trip to Ecuador

One of my favorite things is to introduce students to significant overseas ministry where they can see God use them.

Over Spring Break 16 students, interns, and a volunteer traveled with me to the Andes Mountains, in Otavalo, Ecuador. We partnered with a small, local church providing clean water to families in the community. The families in this impoverished community told us how dirty the tap water was, especially after the rain. People would get sick, but they didn't have another option.

As we demonstrated an amazing filter with the potential of cleaning all the water they'd need for a decade, we were also able to engage in meaningful spiritual conversations with most everyone with whom we talked.



Most of the families attested to believing in the Bible but they didn't read it and were confused about the tenets of faith. With the help of translators or a couple of our Spanish-speaking students, we had great conversations, opening up the Bible, and discussing what a relationship with God looks like.

We saw young kids to old adults dialogue about faith who were ready to place their trust in Jesus for salvation. We gave away 44 water filters and shared the gospel with 56 people. Incredibly, 24 of these prayed with us to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Each night we would debrief and tell stories of the day. One of the last evenings we reflected on 2 Corinthians 4, a favorite passage that talks about the gospel and living for eternity. I could see that people's hearts to live in light of the great commission had expanded. Everyone also grew in evangelism skills, which should serve them well for years to come.

We could not serve without your generous support, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership in this ministry. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to make a difference in the lives of college students and communities around the world.

Scott Roe

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We're glad to announce that Julia will attend the University of Notre Dame.

We will host an open house to celebrate her high school graduation at our home in Madison on June 11 from 2-6 PM.

If you are in the area, send us a message to let us know if you might come.

We'd love to see you!

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