

The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Partner,

What a joy to have Dirke and Lorna Johnson as the main speakers at our Fall Getaway! Dirke was our Campus Director way back when we were students at the University of Minnesota and Lorna was my (Bonnie's) role model, ministering with 3 young children at her side. They really challenged the 200 students, including 15 from nearby Edgewood College and a couple from Madison College—our 2 budding new movements. A couple weeks later our team hosted another Fall retreat for Whitewater. Praise God we had 275 students between two fall retreat weekends in October.



You may remember me sharing about a Fall Getaway a couple years ago when I drove a student named Laura to Fall Getaway in our van full of noisy kiddos. She had her ear buds in for the whole trip and didn't seem interested in chatting. Turns out, she came to the retreat without a personal relationship with God and placed her faith in Christ that Saturday night! Laura just finished her first year working as a Cru missionary on college campuses in Perth, Australia. And for even more exciting news, she has decided to go back for another year! Laura has gone from a quiet and shy new believer to a bold ambassador for Christ, sharing her faith and leading training conferences on winning students to Christ and building them up in their faith.

In October we put on a *Veritas Forum* with some other groups on campus. Leading up to the event, we placed a giant cuboid structure on UW's Library Mall. Spiritual questions were posted at the top of each side encouraging students to grab a marker and jot down their thoughts. As people came up to read or write messages, we were able to engage many students in conversations about science, faith, and truth. It was fun to see and hear about

students who found ways to transition into the gospel and share the hope of Christ.

The main Veritas event itself drew a packed house. About 1200 crowded in to hear Christian apologist John Lennox and atheist philosopher Larry Shapiro discuss the possibility of the miraculous and the feasibility of Christianity and whether there is truth to be known beyond science. It was fascinating and friendly conversation, well received by most everyone in attendance, regardless of their belief systems. In a climate where the Christian voice is



being crowded from academia, from the tone and the comments we received, we trust this event will help keep our voice respected and in the conversation. With so many atheists, agnostics, and people from various faith backgrounds, please pray the gospel message and the rationality behind it continues to penetrate the hearts of those in the audience and that many ultimately come to a personal, saving faith in Christ.

Last week we invited top student leaders on campus to a catered steak dinner and a forum featuring a few successful professionals. They offered helpful perspective from their lives, careers, and faith journeys. A few dozen organization officers, fraternity and sorority presidents, and other current and emerging student leaders joined us for the night. It cul-

minated with Mike Ritter, a Navy JAG full of intriguing stories from the Pentagon, practical leadership lessons, and examples of the Lord strengthening him throughout his career. He shared the gospel clearly and respectfully. People enjoyed the evening and left with a lot to consider.



Please pray that the message takes root in the lives of all present.

Pray also for a group of juniors and seniors who just spent last weekend at our Life Options conference being challenged to live in light of eternity. Pray that as they get closer to graduation, all would resolve to go wherever God calls them. We'd love to see many build God's Kingdom here in the States, as well as across the globe.

Pray that we too have soft hearts and always remain willing to stay or go wherever God calls our family.

Thank you for helping us lift up Jesus across the campus and world,

Scott & Bonnie Roe