



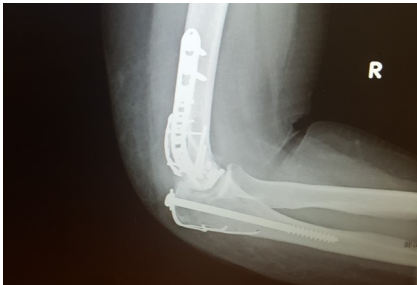
The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Partner,

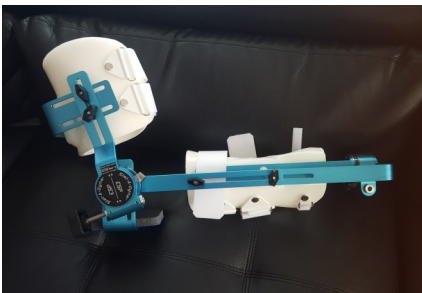
It has been a summer of twists and turns at our place, that is for sure. Scott was planning to enjoy a long-overdue sabbatical from ministry for part of the summer. Life and ministry have been intense and he needed a break. As it turns out, I am the one with a break of a totally different kind.



On June 12 I had a heroic fall while walking the dog. I'd rather tell people I was skydiving or hit by a car, but no. I was texting and walking (like I scoff at college students for doing). I rolled my weak left ankle off the edge of the sidewalk, lurched to the right to avoid a sprain and landed hard on my outstretched hand. I knew it was bad because I heard a crack and crunching and couldn't hold my arm up on its own. But I didn't know it was SO bad. A week later, I had a 3.5 hour surgery to reconstruct the many parts of my elbow joint that I busted off.

Life has been a little tricky since then. On the bright side, I'm a lot more ambidextrous by this point. Although the bones held together by 16 screws have re-grown, I have new bone growing in the soft tissue on the top, bend side of my elbow, where there shouldn't be bone. That might be part of the reason that 3 months later I am still unable to eat, brush my teeth or reach my head with my right hand. Please pray my healing would take a big step forward so I wouldn't need the surgery I am trying to schedule for December. It's been an expensive process. If I need surgery, it would be better to have it this calendar year to save in medical costs.

Going to physical therapy for the first time gives me a whole new level of respect and understanding for those who struggle with physical limitations. They refer to my injury as "The Terrible Triad," which includes an unstable radial head fracture, an ulnar coronoid process and an elbow dislocation. I have lots of new tools to help me, the latest one I affectionately refer to as my torture device. I know it is going to help me. But as they say, no pain, no gain. It is uncomfortable and requires me to sit for 2 hours a day in some level of pain. Add to that 2 more hours of different exercises, stretching and swimming and it's just plain time consuming. But this is my window of time to get what



range of motion I can back, so I take it seriously.

The fall campus schedule presses on and the Lord is doing great things! I love Paul's words, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary struggles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (2 Cor. 4:16-18)."

This has been a super busy fall for our staff and students as we had activities galore with new student leaders and events to reach out to the masses all over campus. But it's been worthwhile!

Fifty-some students indicated decisions to trust Christ at our first weekly meeting last week! Today Bascom Hill in the middle of campus is flooded with Badger Cru signs advertising tomorrow night's meeting. Bible Studies are kicking off all over campus this week. Our staff and student leaders have been out canvassing the campus with surveys and we're seeing many students with high spiritual interest.

In an hour, I will head off to the UW-Whitewater campus to see what the Lord is continuing to do there. Fifteen students have already indicated decisions for Christ!

Our kids are doing well and enjoying 8th, 6th and 2nd grade. The house is filled with the sounds of music, emotional expressions of all kinds, and sometimes video games. We gave in to Netflix and have watched a few shows as a family as I've been sitting around a whole lot more than usual. We've been so blessed by the helpfulness of family, friends, and co-workers in this season and we are truly grateful!

Your prayers and devotion to us have meant so much, especially now as we journey through a season with little margin and compounded complexity.

With our love,

Bonnie Roe



Grilling with our student leaders.



Students filling into Badger Cru



UW Basketball's Brad Davison



Lots of new faces at 1st Badger Cru