



## Fishing is a really good analogy...

Recently a friend of mine invited us to the coast to go fishing. If you know me you probably haven't heard me talk a lot about fishing—or at least not about successful fishing. Now, because of my friend Bill, I have one successful fish story to tell! As I've been thinking about this year on campus I can't help but notice the applications from this fishing trip. And since many of the original disciples were fisherman I figure this is very appropriate. Lol

First, you catch fish using bait they want to eat. I was amazed at how the fish were biting on a certain bait so much more than on another. The need for food didn't change but certain food was more able to pass by the wariness of the fish. Just as the Gospel doesn't change, we desire to share the good news in a way that it hits the students where they are at—bypassing by their wariness without compromising the message? **Would you pray for wisdom for how best to share the Gospel?**

Second, you catch fish where fish are. We must have caught about 30 redfish (keeping 9...the limit!) And the majority of those were caught in a specific fifty foot open area in the weeds. As I go on campus I want to go where the fish are. **Please pray for wisdom and direction to the right locations—that could mean specific teams or specific campuses.** The main teams I'm looking at currently are basketball, football, baseball, track, tennis, and volleyball.

Third, having a guide makes all the difference. Without Bill we wouldn't have had anywhere near the success we did. Bill knew the how and the where. I believe that it is similar with the teams I'm reaching out to. Coaches, trainers, and alumni are the best guides. I have lost a few of those guides to other cities and jobs this year. **Would**

**you pray for men and women of God to step into those roles and be guides so that we can best reach these students for Jesus? Pray for guides who can help us know the how and where in each specific context?**

Finally, fourth, going with someone else makes it much more fun! Elijah went with Bill and I and it was so fun to share the experience with him. This is something I've become more convinced of...there is too much work to do here for just DeAnn and I. We need people to go with us as we attempt to reach these campuses. **Would you pray for us as we attempt to raise up volunteers, staff, and partnerships to join us reaching the campuses in San Antonio?** We have already seen the impact volunteers can have (Dempsey with the volleyball team is one example!) and we believe that more can be done going with others! And it will be much more fun at the same time!!!

**Be sure to check out this month's video!** "The story behind the story" is at [www.dananddeann.com/videos](http://www.dananddeann.com/videos). You'll get a "bird's eye view" of what is going on at UTSA. And some specific prayer requests that didn't make it here—especially related to a rainy day "prayer drive" I did on campus the other day.

How can we pray for you? Thanks for being a part of this ministry!

