

AUGUST 13, 2021

Dear Friends,

I have two things to share with you for which I'd appreciate your prayers. The first is personal. My sister Ann passed away on Monday. Thankfully, I flew to Florida last week and was able to see her on three different days. She was herself till the very end. You can look here online if you'd like to read her obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/cape-coral-fl/ann-mitchell-10301332>. One thing I would add is that she was very generous. Those of you who have been to my home will have used the china she gave me, as one example of her generosity. In various ways my family and I have all counted on her through the years. Please pray for us as we navigate the journey of grief.

One request she made last week was for me to lead the religious part of the service. There are no details planned for that yet. I'd appreciate your prayers for my part in this as I've never done it before.

On a different note, next week, I am meeting with the team leaders Monday and Tuesday morning on Zoom and then Wednesday in person. These meetings are important both relationally and strategically. Please pray for us to create a learning environment and to spur each other on. Also, we will be discussing priorities for each team and a priority for us to focus on together. In all of this, please pray we keep in step with the Spirit. (Gal 5: 25)

There is much that we learned last year in using social media - how to meet and engage students and faculty at a distance and more. As you can likely imagine, most of our staff like the people-part of ministry - social media and digital ministry are not the same. Some team leaders are still tired from the constant decision making in the ever-changing environment caused by Covid. Please pray for us as the academic year gets underway. We long for God to use us so that others can know the LORD is God and they can know Him through Jesus.

Thank you for your love, care, prayers, and partnership. May God use us to His glory.



Because God is love,



Picture flash back from the last connection with Filipino staff and student leaders from my trip November 2019. Scott, the team leader at University of Connecticut, is on my left.