

November 16, 2009

Dear «Greeting»,

It is the empty trees rather than the temperature that tells me it is November and time to go to our regional staff conference on Saturday. The weather has been all over the place this year, hasn't it? Talking to college students on our team visits around the region has been similar – conversations all over the place.

Renee and Tom, two students at University of Buffalo, for different reasons **dismissed the Bible's ability to reveal truth about God**. When she was young, one of Renee's teachers told her the Bible has some helpful principles in it, but she could not take it as truth. Tom thought the Bible had changed a lot through the years and as a result was unreliable. While Tim, on the UB staff team, and I were talking with them, **I found myself filled with sadness that the very means for them to know God was dismissed out of hand and unless that changed they would continue to live in darkness without God**. Tim and I proceeded to talk with them for about an hour while silently praying for a way to break through to help them see the Bible's veracity. In the end Tom seemed a bit more open to it all than Renee did.

John, on the team in Rochester, and I had an amazing conversation with a junior named Rudy at the Rochester Institute of Technology. **Rudy listened intently as John shared the gospel with the *Knowing God Personally* booklet and then Rudy asked thoughtful questions. A couple of them were: "If God forgives sins as you say, then why does it matter how people live? Can't you just sin all you want, then?" And "Does God help keep you from sinning?"** I felt a bit like Paul in his letter to the Romans answering his questions. ☺

Please pray for these and other students on the college campuses near you and around the world. We need God's Spirit to open their eyes and ears! **I love what I get to do. It is your faithfulness and that of others in giving financially and in prayer that enable me to help reach students. Thank you!!**

With the economy I know many have wondered how my support is. God has continued to bless and provide; He is Jehovah Jireh! There have been some partners who have needed to decrease their giving or cease altogether. At the same time a few new people have joined my team and others have increased. **Where I am now is that I need \$442 in new monthly support. In the interim to help me with that monthly shortfall, I need to raise \$3525 in special gift support.** I've enclosed an envelope for your use if God leads you to help with a special gift. As always, please make your check payable to Campus Crusade for Christ.

I hope you have a nice Thanksgiving. God has blessed me through you and I am very grateful.

Because God loves us,

