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Upcoming Travel - It's a lot; I'd appreciate your prayers.

Feb 7-10 NYC Mid-year Getaway - purpose to help the staff new to New York process their new life and ministry. Although they are still in America, living and doing ministry in NYC is not like anything they have experienced before. I am the organizer / facilitator for this.

Feb 10-13 Oasis

Regional Staff Women Retreat - a time of rest and renewal with rich times together in the Word, Worship, and free-time for whatever. I am speaking in two of the sessions.

Feb 16-21 National Leadership Conference - the national and executive leaders of the campus ministry gather in Orlando. This year the focus of our time is to: take a fresh look at our values (Faith, Growth, and Fruitfulness) and assess the degree to which those values are reflected in our lives, in our teams, and as a whole in the campus ministry. I'm just attending this one.

Feb 21-26 Fun with family Mom is in Florida for Feb with my sister and her husband. I'll spend these few days playing rummikub and taking walks or something like that I hope.

Today during our Leadership Development Team Meeting we prayed for students very specifically. Last week at our Epicenter Conference in Albany they had attended a breakfast to hear about opportunities to join with us after they graduate. As a part of that time we asked them to write down prayer requests related to their future.

We expected some of the usual requests asking for God's direction. What was surprising to me was that so many asked for prayer for courage. I shouldn't have been surprised for they are in good company. Over and over again in the Scriptures you see the words "do not be afraid." Following the Lord is not easy and not the way of most of the people around us. God is working in such a way that people everywhere will know that He is God and that they can know Him through Jesus. As He engages us in what He is doing toward that it is exciting, but challenging.

Our prayers included asking the Lord for some of them to join with us in reaching students and faculty in the northeast and our current partnerships in three international cities. The next two months are key times in the process of people joining us as new staff or interns as the application deadlines are April 1 and March 1 respectively.

You have a key part in God's work in students' lives through your partnership with me. I'm grateful we are in this together.

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