

January 23, 2023

Dear Friends,

What do you like most about a New Year beginning? One thing that comes to my mind is an opportunity to pause and seek the Lord about my life and my ministry. As I did that earlier this month, I took time to be in God's presence in worship, reading His Word, and sitting in silence while taking in the beauty of snow falling outside my window. During this time I figured out some next steps for the ministry priorities I'd delineated at the beginning of the school year. In addition to this, I also set a few personal priorities, such as to have regular extended times of singing worship songs to the Lord (which I began doing more of last year), and to laugh every day.

Recently, I realized I have not been laughing as often or as heartily as I have throughout my life. I also used to be more playful. Not only does laughter and playfulness make my life more fun, but it also helps me lead others well. Taking time to think and be creative about how to engage others on an important topic, develop a skill, etc. actually helps to make progress in the desired area.

On February 13-17, all the Cru Mission Directors and Team Leaders from around the country will be in Allen, TX. During that time I'll have two afternoons with those I lead. I want to take advantage of all the information that is presented in the morning by structuring follow up conversations around those specific topics in the afternoons. How I facilitate those times will make a huge difference in how the team leaders put into practice what they've heard.

Thank you for your faithfulness to me and my work to help students and faculty know the Lord. Lives are being changed.

Because God is still calling people to Himself,



Prayers & Praises

1. I thank God often for you – before a meal, seeing your name when looking at contributions that have come in, and hearing from you (I love all the Christmas cards and letters).
2. Praise God that He is continuing His work in my life and through my life for His glory.
3. Please pray for God's guidance in preparing for the time with the leaders in TX in February and my other leadership connections with them this semester.
4. Praise God for the 21 students who came to the Lord during the fall semester. Please pray God continues to use us to lead others to know Him.
5. Please pray for God to call some graduating seniors to serve with us.
6. I'm grateful the mobility and strength in my shoulder is returning with PT and exercise.

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