

The Roe's Patch

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Dear friend,

Our job has some great perks. One of them is being able to journey along side young men and women who are fun, responsive, and living vibrantly for the Lord. It's our passion to multiply our lives and see many of these dear men and women say "yes" to traveling to places we may never be able to go, to bear the message of Christ's great salvation. This leads us to another perk. Sometimes our roles as coach and shepherd allows us to travel to them in great destinations. Such was my experience a number of weeks ago when I traveled to Spain to meet up with a number of these sweet friends now serving on three continents who were gathering together for a special mid-year conference.



Madison Area Grads (and me) in Spain

Being able to give them some American candy, a stack of handwritten cards from friends, and meet one-on-one, talk was about the joys and pains of ministry, and actually give them a real hug meant a lot to them, and me.

I felt over my head when I gathered with a team serving in the middle east and discussed ministry effectiveness in a different culture. I was glad to bring about a healing conversation with a team that had suffered hard events. Emotion grabbed me as I addressed a room of Cru missionaries and expressed the regret I feel with my inability to communicate and care for them to the extent I wish I could in the midst of the busyness of life and ministry in the states.

It's humbling to be a part of a ministry which has been raising up missionaries for Cru and other organizations. Yet, I don't want to just be a "recruiter" to the world, but a more holistic sender. We know that even after people say "yes" to going to the world, enduring, thriving and having a fruitful ministry isn't generally easy, and they still benefit from the care of others.

It wasn't super easy to pull away from the start of our second semester of ministry here to travel abroad, but at least this year it was totally worth it and the right thing to do.

We recognize that God has used you to be a part of our mobilizing force. Thank you for helping send Bonnie and me so we can invest in others.

Scott & Bonnie Roe

Praise and Prayer notes:



On March 14 we held an evangelistic event on campus entitled *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*. 500 people, including the head of the Atheist, Humanistic, Agnostic club on campus, were in attendance. Pray for the follow up conversations to be fruitful as our students and staff try to meet with those in attendance who filled out comment cards. A number indicated they made a decision to believe in God.

I know it seems ridiculous for those who have been keeping track, but Evan's dental procedure, which we first wrote about in September has been rescheduled for April 6. Perhaps God just knew he needed more prayer, at the expense of blacker, smaller teeth.

Pray for wisdom as we interact with students and staff. At times we deal with things which don't have simple fixes and we need the Lord's grace to help us shepherd well.

Rejoice with me that 51 of our students, including 14 UW-Whitewater, students that have been accepted on Cru summer projects. Whitewater only had one attend last year, so this is a big answer to prayer as this could really fuel the leadership capacity for the following years on the campus. and help take that movement to a new level.

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