

The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Partners,

The fall has been careening by at break-neck speed, as is typical. But the chilly weather makes it hard to believe it's only been six weeks!

I (Bonnie) feel so blessed to be leading a great group of upperclassman leaders this year. Monday evenings I head to campus. We've been rotating which student apartment we meet in as a way to get to know each other better, and that's been fun. You can learn a lot about a person from where they live. Last night we took a week off of our study in Colossians and met for wild rice soup, pumpkin scones with maple butter, and chocolate chip cookies. We spent some time celebrating all that the Lord has been up to this fall, and I wish you could have been in that circle with us as 12 students shared highlights from their lives and ministries.

Clare shared about how a girl that she'd met while following up spiritual-interest surveys prayed along with her to receive Christ as her Lord and Savior. She's now faithfully attending her Bible study on campus and is eager to grow.

Katelin, Jenna, and Clare were so excited as they tag-teamed telling a story about Katelin's cousin. All three of them had had the opportunity to share Christ with Chloe in various conversations. She placed her faith in Christ at our Fall Getaway last weekend. Katelin and the others were very excited to see Chloe make her way up to the front of the crowd during the sharing time and tell publicly about her changed life. She's now a part of Clare's small group, also so eager to grow.

Jenny shared about another girl she'd met following up surveys. She also prayed to receive Christ, started attending a Bible study, joined Jenny for Fall Getaway and is experiencing true life-change through Christ! And another girl in the group has really come alongside to befriend her, so she feels right at home.

Jenny and Erika are heading up a women's ministry within our ministry. They had their first "Mug and Muffin" get together for the women in our group. They had a great turnout and five others volunteered to help provide leadership to their team. It's fun to watch Erika and Jenny light up when they talk about ministering to the specific needs of the women in our group. Although they couldn't be more different, the Lord has given them a unified vision and passion for this.

Jenna shared with the group that she feels led to go on a vision trip to East Asia over Thanksgiving break and she got the okay from her parents over the weekend. Maggie was unable to meet that night, but she also is planning to go on the trip to help reach out to one of our partnership campuses there, in this large, communist country.



When Scott spoke about Jesus being the Light of the World at the second Primetime meeting of the year, a number of students indicated decisions to trust Christ. Probably each week this year we've seen students make professions of faith in Christ through personal conversations as people in our movement take the initiative to share their faith.

Ali helps to lead a group of high school students with our high school ministry in Verona, a nearby "suburb" of Madison. They have several sweet students who are eager to grow, but have encountered several closed doors when it comes to putting on various outreaches they've tried to plan. She asks for specific prayer for more men to come to Christ and get involved. Ali and her high school sweetheart, Trevor (on the UW wrestling team), are very active in leading this group. Just like Jenny and Erika, she lights up when she talks about the high school students she's so passionate about reaching.

As you can imagine, I had goose bumps appearing on and off the whole evening. I could tell more, but that will give you a glimpse of how He's working through the lives of the women in this group. Please praise Him with us!

Thanks to a student in my Bible study last year, I'm able to spend an afternoon a week on campus meeting with three students for some intentional discipleship. Bridget needs to do 40 hours of community service work this semester for one of her classes. She asked her professor if that could be providing nanny service for a family in the community. When her professor said yes, Bridget called and asked me if she could do that for us, free of charge, enabling me to get on campus a little more. The best part is, the girls love her and I really trust her, too. And, it was a huge answer to prayer. Today when Bridget came over, she told me that she's going on the trip to East Asia as well!

Something I look forward to every day is opening up my GMO account online to see who's waiting to hear more about Jesus. A few weeks ago I signed up to be an online missionary for Campus Crusade's Global Media Outreach. People all over the world can visit a website and see a relevant presentation of the Gospel in their own language. Afterward, they can give some basic information, such as name, country, age, what decision they made, if any, and send on any questions or comments. I've been in touch with people from Libya, Algeria Tunisia, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Pakistan and many other locations who have prayed to receive Christ. It's very interesting to note that the vast majority of those are men in the 18-25 year age group. God is doing something mighty and powerful in North Africa and the Middle East, and my heart has always felt a strong pull toward these places. And now the Lord has opened up a way for me to share with and encourage them right from my own kitchen here in Madison. Please pray for me as after a few more weeks of training I'll be placed in a French language community to respond to people from francophone Africa! This could be a stretch, but they have a huge need for French-speaking online missionaries and I'm eager to give it a try.

If you have any interest in being an online missionary, please visit the site at www.gmovolunteers.com. There is an online application to fill out, and you need to submit two references. Then there's a resource manual and a month-long training period to give you all the help you need. It is so much fun!!

With much gratitude for your friendship and partnership with us in the Gospel.

Scott & Bonnie Roe



Chris Maragos, 21, a UW captain, leads prayer on the field after games. He is an influential leader in our Athletes in Action movement on campus who is using his sports platform to spur many to consider Christ. Besides leading a football Bible study, he's been helping our new Greek ministry move forward by sharing his testimony at fraternity house meetings.



The Lord worked significantly in students' lives during the Madison Fall Get-away weekend retreat. The only problem is, Scott still loves to play tackle football on Saturday, but the student men seem to get bigger every year. Ouch!!

Prayer Requests

- Scott works with 15 senior men, a number who are still considering what God would have them do after graduation. Pray for clear guidance in their decision-making and that they would say yes to wherever God would lead them.
- Pray for Bonnie's ability to answer the Global Mission Outreach questions, especially as she transitions to responding to French speakers from predominantly Muslim North Africa and France.
- Pray for our children's health. They've been sick lately, as kids often are, and we don't want anything serious coming their way.
- We are asking all of our students to write down their testimonies of how God has worked in their lives. Pray that this spurs on good, natural evangelism this semester and opens the door for evangelistic conversations over the course of their lives.

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