

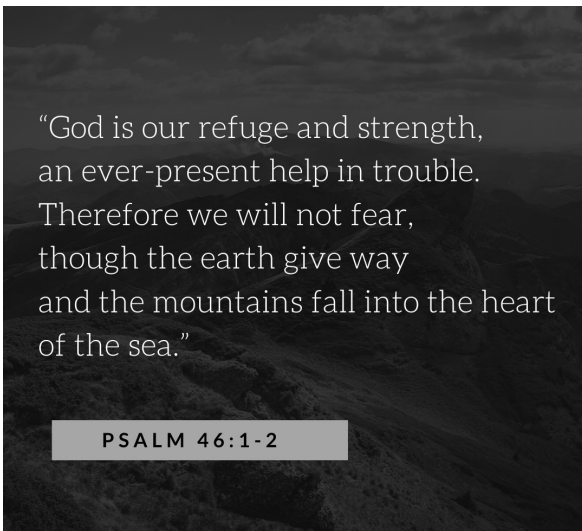
The Roe's Hatch

March 29, 2020



Dear Partner,

In this unprecedented time, Scott and I are thinking of you and the important role you play in God's work on the college campus. We are so grateful for you and your partnership and we'd love to know how you are doing in this moment. Please take a minute to email or call us and let us know how you're doing and how we can pray for you.



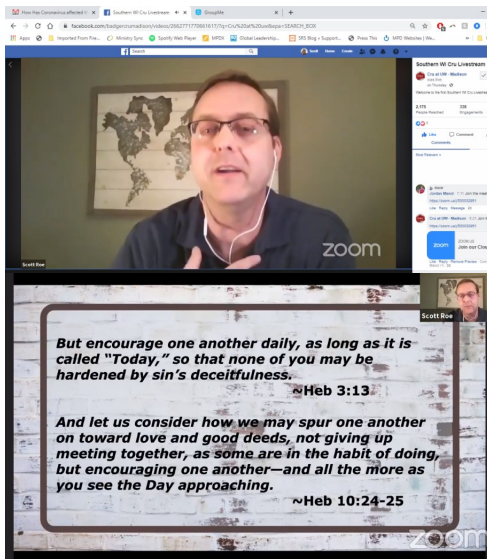
I don't remember a time when so much changed in such a short amount of time. Just two weeks ago COVID-19 hit us in a big way, as we had to cancel our spring break mission trip the day before it was set to leave for Texas with 57 Madison students. Then, students packed up and headed home for weeks of learning on online platforms. That has now been extended to the end of the school year. Our senior students left here not knowing they had already had their last class in a live classroom setting. Commencement ceremonies have been canceled. Now the dorms are closed and preparations underway to convert to whatever facilities might become necessary in this war on a virus.

In this season of quarantine, our work has moved from out on the campuses we love to zoom meetings and video calls, both large and small, all from home. Checking in with students and trying to keep some form of Bible studies, community, and discipleship is key. Many of them are anxious in this uncertain time. Some struggle living back at home with old patterns, tensions and temptations. The interns on our staff team are not having the ending to their year of ministry that they planned. And yet they are fully engaged online and have given lift in this time of increased technology.

We believe the Lord has a plan in this time and are praying He will revive His people and bring about the biggest spiritual awakening the world has ever seen. We are grateful for today's



technology that allows us to continue being “face- to- face” with students from wherever they are, sprinkled all around the country. Our staff team, meeting virtually, brainstormed how to gain the capacity to meet with many students at once in an interactive way. Last week, we had 79 screens logged in (see photo) on a video call for our annual “I Wanna Lead” meeting for potential leaders for next year. I am glad there are people much more experienced with technology than I am!



Two days later, we went live for our first Southern Wisconsin weekly meeting, which seemed to have brought in people who had never come to our in person meetings. While Scott taught live from our dining room about walking with the Lord during the pandemic, I watched the Zoom livestream from my cell phone while playing Monopoly in the basement with our kids. With our kids at home, our family has probably already played 7 games of Monopoly. Wonder if they’ll end up in real-estate. :)

Our own kids are home from school and phasing into a time of virtual learning. Our calendar, packed with sports and activities, hit a wall in a day and everything ceased to exist as we know it. Now we’re balancing working from home with trying to maintain some semblance of order and routine for our kids. Finding the time and privacy to do our work with Cru has been challenging. Our kids are missing their friends and activities, for sure, but we are trying to take this time to bond as a family and to re-center our lives on His will, His way, and His Word. We welcome your prayers as we seek to take advantage of this opportunity and parent well. Additionally, we want to serve our community well as Christ-followers. I have taken the opportunity to shop for three elderly and immune-compromised women in our neighborhood. It has been heartwarming to see how people have come together to help in whatever ways they can.

As always, we are so very grateful for you and your partnership. The world needs Jesus like never before. Please drop us a line and let us know how you are doing and know that we are praying for you!

Bonnie Roe



COVID-19 forced us to cancel some campus-wide outreaches we were looking forward to this spring. But you can pray for an outreach we’re gearing up for starting April 9. We have done the Join the Story outreach in the past and our students wanted to do it again. During this season it seems even more relevant because it has a strong online component as we load our website [JointheStory.net](http://JointheStory.net) with written and video testimonies and share them through various social media. We welcome your prayers for that.

Pray for our students and staff serving on missions teams overseas. Many have come home early. Others are stranded and/or made decisions to continue to serve overseas amidst the uncertainties.