



# A very challenging time



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**Jenny's mother passed** Monday, September 29 in the evening at the age of 99. We had arrived to Virginia Beach in the early evening the previous Saturday and so spent the next two days watching her labored breathing. She was loved and is now at peace.

**Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."** (John 16:33, NIV). Our Savior understands that we have trouble. And notice what He says here: "so that in Me you may have peace . . ." This month we have had the privilege to spend time mentoring two professors who, like us, have had much trouble but now are finding joy, peace and purpose in living out their faith in Christ.



**Professor H. teaches at the law school.** A long-time struggler in his faith, he now seems to have found a purpose in his walk with Christ as we meet for discipleship each week. One Sunday at church we sat near some new visitors. In the course of time we discovered that they were students of our professor friend. Not being believers themselves, as they learned of his faith, they asked him if he could recommend a good church. He recommended ours and so they came to check it out. Despite his personal challenges, he is a witness for Jesus.

**Professor S., at Ball State,** reached out to us, contacting us through our [facultycommons.org](http://facultycommons.org) website. He had heard of Cru through some students who had learned of his faith and had asked him to support them for one of their spring break international mission opportunities with Cru. Professor S., himself has endured much trial and personal sin. Successful in business and now a business professor, his chief incentive for his work is to help students find direction and purpose in their lives by sharing his faith as the Lord allows.

**Obviously there is much, much more to** each of these men's stories. But it is clear to us that God is on the move. He is present with His people. He is in the midst of our difficulties and can help us endure. And so we take heart: in Him we have peace. One of our challenges at this time relates to our funding. We would be grateful for your prayers.

We are grateful for your partnership,

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