



Highly Leveraged

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Most of us understand the principle of leverage - the concept of strategically applying our effort to maximize our impact. In ministry, this can happen as we seek to build spiritual multipliers. By investing in a few, we leverage our impact as those disciples go to reach the many.

John's **Biblical Interpretation, Biblical Communication** group is just one example of this leveraged impact. Eight campus field workers, serving in three different time zones, came together via video conference to study and grow as readers of Scripture in an intensive academic format. Each of them spent time in a Bible passage and received guidance in digging in and learning the context and content of each. Their final projects were both an exegesis paper and a message that they presented live via video with feedback given by their peers. Each presentation was delivered with zeal, and enthusiasm, to the great pride of their teacher. It was a thrill to share in these students' growth.

Another form of leverage we had the privilege to experience was at our **Faculty Commons Midyear** conference in Dallas a few weeks ago. In addition to representatives from campuses around the US, we had affiliates participating from Albania, Brazil, Italy, and the UK. Additionally, we received updates from faculty outreach happening in Chile, Japan, and Belgium. We look forward to the day when no student will graduate without having had a Christian professor. And we work and pray toward the end that Christian professors all over the world can leverage their impact for the gospel. We're grateful for your partnership in this great enterprise.



Daughter Julia serving her grandmother at lunch after the memorial service.

Prayers & Praises

1. Pray for the **Common Call** conference for Christian professors in Columbus, OH, February 28 to March 1.
2. Pray for the spring break mission to Belgium. Though we will not be going ourselves, students and staff will be continuing the effort to build movement on campus in Leuven and Antwerp. Pray that John is healed up enough to participate in the summer mission beginning in May.

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Personal notes:

We traveled to Virginia Beach to participate in Jenny's dad's memorial service on Monday, February 10. It was held in the chapel at their retirement facility and was very well attended. Mr. Eakes was popular among his fellow residents and the staff of the facility. At the age of 101 and having served in the Army Air Corps during WWII, he was greatly honored by family and friends.

Finally, keep us in your prayers. John is scheduled to undergo shoulder replacement surgery Monday, February 17. It will likely require several weeks of recovery and rehab. Please ask the Lord that there be no complications, manageable pain, and a return to full use of his left arm and shoulder.



E. Kendall Eakes
July 18, 1923- January 17, 2025