



Looking Forward, Looking Back

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“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13 NIV

One of our dear friends and ministry colleagues went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday night December 27 after a long battle with cancer. She was a radiant believer, wife, mother, grandmother, and partner in ministry. We have heard about several other deaths, some shocking and some not altogether unexpected. Still, these events are sobering and are a challenge to our hope.

At the same time, we have been supremely blessed. Answered prayer. Funds provided. Grandchildren a blessing. Breakthroughs in ministry. We can honestly say with King David, *“I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.”* Psalm 37:25-26.

But the real highlight of every year is the people. We are so fortunate to get to meet so many interesting people. University faculty and graduate students are eager and earnest in their pursuits of scholarship. And if they are Christ-followers they are even more engaging. Our professor friend Theresa has been such an encouragement at Butler. Cynthia, also at Butler, just got married. What fun it was to meet her parents at the wedding. Mark, at IUPUI, is a lion for Christ in the classroom.

Looking ahead, we plan to involve these faculty friends in a conference specifically for professors. Please pray for this event scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24. In March over spring break, at the moment, Jenny is preparing to take her professor friend Abby to Belgium. They will travel and work alongside the students at KU-Leuven. Then, towards the end of March, we hope to hold another dinner at which we plan to share some of the results of our efforts on campus and introduce some of our faculty friends.

And you, our dear friends and partners in ministry. What a blessing it is to work as partners in the great enterprise of campus evangelism. Thank you for your prayers.



We had such a fun time in NYC over the Christmas break. Besides two very fun days with Julia, our daughter #4, we had 4 days on our own. The Christmas market at Union Square in Manhattan was vibrant and exciting. Our visit to Ground Zero was sobering. But the true highlight was worshipping on Christmas Eve day at a combined service of two young churches near the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. We experienced passionate worship with a young and ethnically diverse congregation. It was a little bit of heaven!