



Spring is beginning

After a tough winter, Covid issues, the world nearly at war with each other, we also find a close friend & colleague was diagnosed...

Walking our dog, we spotted this blossoming tree of a neighbor. Surely, Spring has come!

Yes, he was sadly diagnosed with brain cancer. Some of you know this already, others with whom I'm not in email contact who receive this probably do not yet know. Gary McGeehon who has served locally on our Board of Directors for this ministry since 2014 (he served as Treasurer) was diagnosed with a very aggressive tumor. He was diagnosed before Christmas, but in a follow-up appointment MRI and other tests, it more recently was found to be inoperable, aggressive, and terminal. He was given two weeks to two months to live, about two weeks ago.

Gary had already gone through radiation and chemotherapy

Phyllis had lunch with his wife today, and she says Gary has deteriorating cognitive abilities, but hasn't overall (with the exception of the cognitive) gotten physically worse so far.

However, earlier his body reacted rather negatively to the previous chemo with serious blood-clots, so more chemo isn't an option.

You can imagine the shock his family and friends felt when this came out of the "blue." Gary seems to be handling this remarkably well despite the frustration of losing his short-term memory and everything slowly becoming less convenient. His faith in the Lord is very solid and he is only thinking about how to get his wife prepared as best as he can before he passes.

I'm praying for a complete healing for him and continue to do so.

Thanks for your prayers for Gary and his wife Cathi! We are at that age where this is happening around us more than we like. Three neighbors on our street, including a next door neighbor, have passed away in the last few years and numbers of other friends, too. It's a reminder that unless the Lord returns, we all shall one day die, too. Fortunately, we have hope in the Lord beyond the grave.

Goings on

Regarding the Lord's work to faculty, that has continued well. We've had a number of speakers come in to speak to multiple groups at Air Force and at CSU. Since we last talked we had Dr. Gregory Moore, Professor of Global Studies and Politics at Colorado Christian University, speak to our fellowship at Air Force on his research concerning a Christian perspective on international ethics among nation states. Dr. Dick Foth spoke to the CSU fellowship on "Finding Authentic Relationships in a Shallow world: An Ethical Journey".

Here's Dr. Moore's talk to Christian faculty given that day:

<https://academicconnectionsccm.org/video-3/dr-gregory-moore--resurrec.html>

We have invested heavily in the lives of Christian faculty and staff at universities because those who attend the university as **students** are, perhaps, the most strategic harvest field for Christian service. The late Dr. Bill Bright, founder and for many years President of Campus Crusade for Christ once said, "If I had

one thing I could do over since starting the Crusade ministry, it would have been to start earlier to minister to university **faculty.**”

Speaking of investing in student lives, I’m always finding out how God has worked through the years. One student who was involved in our ministry back at K-State was Kerry Relihan. He was a student leader in the movement, but I lost track of him after he graduated. I had heard he had become a Methodist pastor, but that’s all I had heard.

Recently, however, Kerry contacted me to befriend me on Facebook and I got caught up. Sometime after graduation I found he went to seminary at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago and after that he became a pastor of an Evangelical Free Church in Nebraska where he served as senior pastor for 29 years. He had just retired and took on a regional role in the E. Free Church organization. See his family picture below.



Together, you and I get to see some of the returns on our investment and don’t forget **you have been significantly involved in all of this**, to His glory. Let’s keep trusting Him to expand His influence through us to the whole world while there is time and life in us.

Warmly in Christ,

Jim for Phyllis and Scott