



Let's catch up, again...

Spring has turned into summer, whew...

Meet **Mark Grotelueschen** who teaches in the Department of Military and Strategic Studies at the United States Air Force Academy. More about him on P. 2.

Time flies without question. We still seem to have the fastest calendars in Colorado. As we write we hope this update finds you doing well with your health and your spiritual life with the Lord.

Continuing to Develop Leadership

In a lot of ways discipleship is about making and developing leadership. We've been at that task for a long time. I think in our last note we asked and answered the question, "where is he now" with regard to **Kerry Relihan**. Kerry was a student leader in the ministry for Christ at K-State during our tenure there and it was great to find out recently that he went on to become a pastor in Nebraska for the last thirty years...and he is still in the ministry for the cause of Christ. It was fun telling you about people like Kerry and his family because you and I are making an investment in their lives.

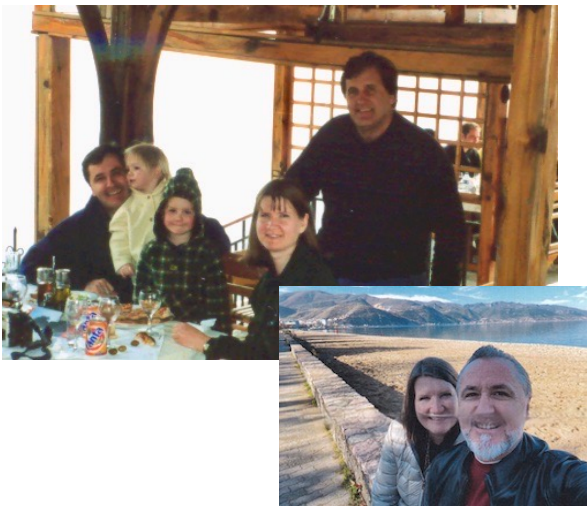
Here are some others you have been “investing” in. You may remember that this year we had new leadership for our ministry to faculty at the United States Air Force Academy. God raised up two new people to take on that role, and one of those I work with is Dr. **Mark Grotelueschen** ([see photo on previous page](#)). He teaches in the department of military and strategic studies. I’ve been training him in the skills of giving leadership to other Christian faculty that come to our meetings.

We just finished our first full year together and it went very well, thanks to your prayers and God’s gracious provision. He led most of our meetings, setting up speakers, MC’d the meetings, keeping things on time and setting the tone for the fellowship outside of those meetings. I’ll give you some links at the end where you can see him in action this year.

Many Hands Make Light Work

To the left, see two pictures of the Doci family. I met the father when we were in seminary together studying philosophy of religion 25+ years ago and he asked me to disciple him. Ylli (pronounced oollee) was a joy to work with and a bit of a golden boy...everything he touched seemed to turn to gold.

When he returned with his wife to his native Albania 20 years ago he invited me to bring professors with me to speak in classrooms at the university in their capital city. I made two trips in different years with professors to do that and help them start a local faculty ministry in their capital, at the University of Tbilisi. Since that time, Ylli became the national director of Campus Crusade’s ministry in Albania, and more recently he became the President of the Evangelical Alliance in Albania. As such he speaks on TV in his country representing evangelicals, and he also pastors a local



Having dinner with Ylli and Nikki Doci and their children at an Albanian restaurant on the side of a mountain (left, above). Ylli and Nikki in a more recent photo (right, above).

church. In the last 30 years in Albania, the country has seen believers grow from less than 15 to about 5,000! To God be the glory.

Praise and Prayer requests:

- Please continue to pray for Gary McGeehon and his wife Cathi. As you know from our last PL he is in hospice at his home due to what was diagnosed as terminal brain cancer. He is resting but going down hill cognitively and physically, too. The doctors gave him 2 weeks to 2 months about 2 months ago, but he still is living.
- I did finish the Podcast series for our faculty leadership on Christ and culture. Thank God for that! Thank you, also, for your prayers. Though produced for faculty if you're interested you can watch the introduction and follow the links on that page for the series of 8 Podcasts on this topic: [Podcast Series on Jesus & Academic Culture](#) (introduction)
- Here are some other promised (and updated) links for those who receive this by email and can connect:

Links to previous PLs for this year:

[Previous 2022 Prayer & Newsletters](#)

Link to some of Mark's Grotolueschen's (and others) work at USAFA:

[Faculty Fellowship at USAFA Video Library](#)

Links to updated faith and the academic Portal:

[Faith & Scholarship Portal](#)

Phyllis, Scott, and I are grateful for your prayers and faithful giving!

Warmly in Christ,

Jim for Phyllis and Scott