



Update

A very good fall semester for advancing His Kingdom...

Photo above: Screen shot of Zoom call with missionaries in the Middle East.

Lots of good things have been going on and I want to catch you up on a few. If you remember in July I told you about a new poly-tech university forming in a Middle Eastern (Muslim) country.

The good news was that Christian missionaries in that country have an inside track with some of the leaders of the school. Those leaders asked them to find Christian professors who could teach classes at the new school!

Progress

I'm glad to tell you about some progress we're seeing in that regard. A local representative of the missionaries to the university in Uzbekistan met with me and explained their vision. After

researching them, I was glad to recommend certain Christian professors I know. The idea is for these people to consider making a contribution to this endeavor **by going, living there and teaching in that Muslim country.**

The Zoom call you see above is with some of those missionaries in the Middle East country (Uzbekistan), myself and a professor I know who teaches in the Engineering Department at Colorado State University. While other professors I know have shown various levels of interest in the project, this one (after this call) is considering taking his wife with him on a trip to visit that country, check it out and see what they're doing there. This is a prelude to his seriously considering eventually him and his wife **moving to that country** and ministering at that school. The professor I'm referring to has been a strong Christian leader on campus for many years. He and wife **also have experience in the Middle East and elsewhere serving Christ at universities to further His Kingdom.** Please pray as he and his wife take the next steps in this process!

Other things to know about:

- We have had several great meetings with Christian faculty this last month and I want to tell you about them. At the Air Force Academy we had **Dr. Russell Howell** (a Christian) speak to our Christian faculty group. We actually have non-Christians come to our meetings to hear what we're saying! We had a very spirited discussion following the talk! Russell's talk was entitled, "Is Faith Required for Mathematics? Is Mathematics Required for Faith." Here's a link to that talk:

<https://academicconnectionsgcm.org/video-3/dr-russell-howell.html>

- At CSU this month our speaker was a Christian professor in the Engineering Department. He spoke on the topic of "Connections," advice for younger faculty connecting with their students. Dr. Paul Heliger is a prolific researcher and a recipient of many awards as a "best teacher." He also shared **how he makes it obvious he is a follower of Christ** to his students in an attractive way. I would like to give you a link to his talk, but

after producing it, I am awaiting his approval to publish it for the public.

- Phyllis continues to make good progress in recovery. She has reached her “full” weight again, which is a major answer to prayer! Thanks for your prayers. This was perhaps our biggest concern and God has answered that prayer.
- Scott, as it turns out, had a bad pain in his neck but found out the problem was an infection in one of his molars. He even had a cavity in the tooth just next to it, so for now, having had a root canal, he’s doing just fine and is awaiting getting a crown for that tooth.

This is our favorite time of year, with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years coming in a row! We pray for you and your family that this season will be a blessing to you in every way. We are grateful to you and to God that He is extending your ministry through us and into these new venues.

Warmly in Christ,

Jim for Phyllis and Scott

P.S. I am creating a *Daily Scripture Meditation* passage for each day of the year for professors. To give you an idea of what we’re doing, here is an example, for the month of December.

Here’s a link:

<https://www.academicconnectionsgcm.org/other-resources/spiritual-formation/meditations/december.html>