



October 20, 2006

Friends, Supporters and Family,

A quick update on the work here at the University of Oklahoma.

- *This is our sixth year at OU.* It seems like time is flying. God is at work here.
- I'm teaching on *The Life of Peter* this semester. I'm going through the gospels, Acts and Peter's letters and talking about how his friendship with Jesus transformed him. I've been terribly convicted and have been seeing Christ through this series.
- *Brittany Leard* moved to be with us and work with the women at OU. She's been doing a great job loving on the women in the group. We're thankful to have her.
- We have *six Bible studies*. I'm leading two studies for freshmen on the Sermon on the Mount. Brittany has two studies in the Gamma Phi sorority house, one on Romans that she's just begun because they asked her to do it. There are two other studies going, one on Galatians and one on John.



- *We need your financial help.* Our account is \$2500 in the red. The end of the year is always an important time for giving. Please consider a gift, or an extra gift so that we can continue preaching and teaching the gospel, loving and counseling students, and pointing them to the Word, the church and to God himself. I've included an envelope to make it easy. Just write your info on it, and Oklahoma RUF on the memo line of the check. Thank you, and we know that God is faithful.

- We hosted a *Derek Webb* concert in September and were able to talk about RUF in front of 400 people. Pray that some would come to RUF to hear the gospel and meet new friends.
- OURUF hosted the regional *Fall Conference* in September. Rev. Ricky Jones taught on why the doctrine of glorification makes a huge difference in our lives. We had students from OSU, Tulsa, Arkansas, John Brown, Cameron and TCU with us. It was a ton of work, but worth it for sure.
- Julie and I are doing *premarital counseling* for two couples getting married in December. Pray for Collin and Meghan and for Nick and Somaria as they prepare for this huge step.
- I'm the director for RUF's *Winter Conference* in Breckenridge, Colorado January 1-5, 2007. Pray that the details will all come together for a fun time in the mountains. We'll spend the evenings hearing about Faith from Rev. Marshall Brown. More info on that can be found at www.ruf.org.

- I feel like the thing I'm learning the most is about *hurt and brokenness*. In my life, Julie's life, my kids' lives, my students' lives, the lives of my friends and the people in our church. It's all around and can be so discouraging. I feel eaten up by it much of the time. But somehow redemption breaks through, and Jesus makes all the difference. God is at work even *through* the pain and suffering of his people. He is close to those who mourn.
- *Our family* is doing well. This is birthday season for us. Ruth is now 12, Drew is 7 and Anna is 5. Cal will soon be 10. We made trips in the last six months to the Grand Canyon (that was a whirlwind weekend trip!), and we took our family vacation to Montana, to Glacier National Park. We look forward to no trips this fall. Rest is good.
- Here's our decked-out Sooner Family in front of the OU Library on the Saturday of Fall Conference, Sept. 30th, 2006.

