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We're five weeks into the school year, and I'm exhausted. There is a huge push right at the front, and we've made it through. It's time for a nap. But we still keep going, praying that God would use us to reach students at OU for Christ and equip them to serve the church and the world.

- We have 10 small group Bible studies. My intern, Brittany, is leading one at the Gamma Phi sorority house on the I Am statements of Jesus. I'm doing the Sermon on the Mount with the Fijis and the TriDelts. Will, a sophomore Fiji who is helping me, says he doesn't think there has ever been a FIJI Bible study. At least not for a long time. So please pray for us to reach these students.
- Last weekend I took 12 students to a lake house in Arkansas for a leadership retreat. We talked about the hows and whys of reaching students, and we prayed for them. I am encouraged with these young men and women.
- Students are inviting students to come to RUF Large Group Bible Study. We meet on campus and I'm teaching on 1 and 2 Timothy this semester, focusing on leadership. We've averaged more than 100 students coming, which is great. The gospel is good news for these students. Pray they would hear the gospel at RUF.
- I'm talking to students about all kinds of things. Roommates, parents, sex, drinking, other religions, marriage and parenting, loneliness, missions, dating, church – almost anything you could think of. Recently I spent 3.5 hours in Dallas for some training in counseling, which was extremely profitable for me.
- Our family is doing well. We are tired though. All four kids are now in school, and Julie is in her third year filling in at the principal's position (and doing a great job). This is a rough time of year for us, and we're glad to be through it and looking forward to a slower October.
- ***The biggest and worst news is our account is in deficit to the tune of \$9,425.*** This is the largest we've been behind and we need to catch up and get ahead. Can you please pray about giving towards our need? Some of you could write a check and take care of it all at once. Others of us could chip away at it. 100 checks for \$100 would do it. 200 checks for \$50 would do it. It would be great to go over. Ministry takes money. I buy cups to hand out, and books to give away. I take students out to lunch practically every day. I buy sound equipment for our meetings. I give scholarships so students can attend conferences. And I do get a salary in there too. It all adds up. God will provide. He always does.



May God be with you,