

Blessings

July 2023

“But You oh Lord, are a Shield about me....” Psalm 3:3a

God has been at work, answering our prayers as He goes ahead of me and graciously gives me favor.

God at Work Sightings!

1. Our twice weekly time for faculty drop-in lunches has settled into 1-3 faculty coming and many significant conversations occurring.
2. Two **small groups** have started meeting. Three engineering profs in one and 3 animal science faculty in another. All are Christians and say they are being greatly challenged as we read and discuss **A Grander Story**, a visionary and practical action book written especially for professors.
3. Picnic – We had 9 faculty show up with great interaction. Was great to have one non-Christian there.
4. **One on one Discipleship** – I am now meeting with a key engineering prof each week and have three others open to settling in on a consistent time. This is so key!
5. Dinner! A **Materials Science** prof and his **Electrical & Computer Engineering** faculty wife seemed to like their first taste of lasagna! A **Medical School professor** brought his wife and 4 kids over for a meal and we were able to brainstorm about reaching out to new faculty in that area.
6. I was **able to share the gospel** with an engineering prof who is seriously seeking truth. He is close!

Continue to Pray

1. For **new faculty** to come to our lunches
2. That I can start two more small groups this summer
3. Good attendance at our next picnic in August
4. The profs open to discipleship would **commit to a specific time** each week
5. I could interview an additional 10 faculty before school starts
6. That Dr. H would **come to faith in Christ**

Family

Micah, Nikki, Falco and Frieda have moved back to Eau Claire! Will be a great blessing to see them more often. The kids bought me stock in the Green Bay Packers last Christmas and so I am taking Micah and Falco with me to the **Shareholders Meeting** in Green Bay. Will be fun to spend time together as “guys”.

Nathan and Cici are expecting their second child! Revy gets a little brother and is so excited. I hope to take a few days of vacation when the baby is born in October to help out. I know that is what Tamara would want to do so I need to step up!

I continue to see God give grace for the huge adjustments in my life – the loss of Tamara, a new city, new university, new church, new place to live, lots of challenges to walk by faith. **Your love and encouragement** have been so powerful in my life.

Because of His love and mercy, Dave

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