



theWheatley Word

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Brr!!! Today we're iced into our home in San Marcos, which makes it a slow, cozy day. It was supposed to be our first day back on campus, but the weather changed our plans. We thought it would be a great opportunity for us to catch you up on the last several weeks of our lives!

Dallas Winter Conference Dallas Winter Conference Nearly 700 college students from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma attended our annual Dallas Winter Conference the first week in January. Students enjoyed worship, challenging messages, compelling seminars, fellowship, and outreach. Not only was it a blast, but as we talk to students they also consistently tell us they learned alot about God, felt him working in their lives, and have a renewed passion to be closer to Him.

Kingdom Come The theme of the conference for the week was "Kingdom Come" and Gary Purdy, former Crusade staff member and current pastor of North Shore Fellowship church in Tennessee, served as our keynote speaker. Gary Biblically defined the Kingdom of God, described what it looks like in the lives of believers today, and how investing in the lives of others has an eternal impact on the kingdom. For us, the conference was bittersweet. Paul was busy as the Assistant Program Director. As usual, he did a fabulous job and thrives coming up with funny videos and content for the emcee. Catherine had three small jobs that kept her busy during the entire conference. She was on the Prayer Team, Ambiance Team and Program Team. During each of the meetings, she ran one of the three cameras and looked super official wearing one of the coveted headsets. Everything about the conference was sweet, the only bitter part was more sad than bitter. As we pursue heading overseas next semester, we're beginning to experience the beginning of the "lasts." This was our last DWC for the next few years, which is sad because we look forward to it all year and for Paul, it's a rare opportunity for him to use his media talents.

Leaving... On a Jet Plane... Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to help us go on a vision trip to Athens, Greece. We'll go during the second week of March. Deciding where to go next fall, between East Asia and Greece has proven to be a very difficult process. We get excited about both options, for very different reasons. Will you please pray that the Lord will lead us clearly and that we'll trust him completely?

What's Next? Our plan for this semester is to be on campus until spring break, and then we'll focus on raising support for our overseas assignment. We're looking at just six weeks to continue to try to get some stuff off the ground, like international student ministries and St. Philip's Community College, and transitioning other ministries to other people's care, such as UTSA Cru and UTSA Epic. Please pray we'll finish well and that the Lord will show us what that means daily.

May His Kingdom Come,



*Paul
+
Catherine*

Catherine on camera!



Paul [R] behind the scenes

Raymond, Leah, and us!



Please pray...

- for Daniel, Raymond, his wife Leah, as they live out their new faith back home in China.
- for our upcoming trip to Greece and for our decision between Greece and Asia: That the Lord will lead us clearly.
- for these next six weeks: to finish well on campus, and prepare for what God has next for us!