



# theWheatley Word

Summer 2007

**Mountain Living** Greetings from Colorado! We've been here in Ft. Collins for the last month, participating in some cross-cultural training that will help us better serve in Athens. We're here with 75 other Crusade staff, enjoying the mountain air and comederie. The people in our training are preparing to go all over the world, from Athens to Mexico to Prague and even to New Zealand! We've met some interesting people, and even learned something along the way!

**A Difficult Loss** Sadly, on the morning of June 19th, we found out that one of our friends from Texas State, Daniel Reiter, died in a car accident the night before. We quickly booked tickets to Houston so we could be at the funeral. I [Paul] had the honor of giving a eulogy at his funeral, along with Dan's father, brother and his best friend from high school. We are both saddened by the loss of our good friend, but we also rejoice that Dan is now in the presence of his savior.

Dan lived his life to love God and love others, and he always sought out ways to serve the people around him. He had been heavily involved with Cru at Texas State for the last four years and had recently graduated. For the last several years, I had met regularly with Dan for discipleship. He was preparing to spend the next year serving urban youth.

His favorite Bible verse was Luke 17:10: "So you also when you have done all you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty.'" But we get the feeling that Dan was greeted by His Savior by hearing, "Well done My good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master." [Matt. 25:21]. **[Paul & Dan in photo R]**

**Worth It** Seeing so many Texas State students at Dan's funeral reminded us of the profound impact of a life given completely to the glory of God. Dan gave of himself not only to students involved with Crusade at Texas State, but to fellow Philosophy students, co-workers neighbors, and friends. To date, Dan has received hundreds of tributes both from people who shared his love for God, and those who did not. We were also struck with the gravity of the work God has called us to do, pouring into the souls of college students and literally impacting them for eternity. As we prepare to begin a new ministry in Greece, we are hoping that God would allow us to have a similar impact in the souls of the students we meet there.

**Learning to Say Goodbye** As our training draws to a close, we're turning our minds toward how to leave well. A few weekends ago, my mother and sister came out to "Family Weekend", and we learned more about how to maintain close relationships with our friends and family from Athens. It was fun to have them here with us. **[Paul, Catherine, Shirley and Teresa in photo to the R]**

**Now What?** It's official! We've bought tickets to Athens, to depart on Sept. 3, Labor Day! Between now and then, we'll be traveling through Oklahoma, Denton, Dallas, Austin and Houston, saying goodbye to friends and family. We have lots to do before we leave on September 3, and we still need to raise a little more support, specifically \$350 of monthly support and \$7000 toward our up-front costs. Please pray that God would provide for our last bit of support and the grace as we prepare to depart!



### Please pray....

- for Dan Reiter's parents and three younger brothers, as they grieve.
- for our marriage as we deal with preparing to move overseas.
- for intimacy with God during the next few weeks of traveling.

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