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Dear Friends,



I hope this letter finds you, your families and businesses doing well. I really appreciate and am grateful to you for your friendship and partnership with us in our ministry to students. Your prayer and financial support has kept me “Going” to the campus “for the glory of Jesus and the good of man” for a quarter of a century. I am truly thankful to you and humbled by your faithful and generous giving!



Over the last 27 years, I have passed by the *First Congregational Church* in downtown Atlanta in route to work as a young bank officer and later campus minister. For some reason (perhaps God’s providence), I have regularly caught the red light in front of this historic church founded in 1867 by missionary teachers and freed slaves. As I have reflected on the cornerstone of the building, the Lord has greatly encouraged (and reminded) me of what my life is lived for. So, whether teaching students about Jesus and His truths or coaching youth sports, I pray that when I’ve departed from this earth, people say that Bart lived for Jesus Christ’s glory and for the good of his fellow man!

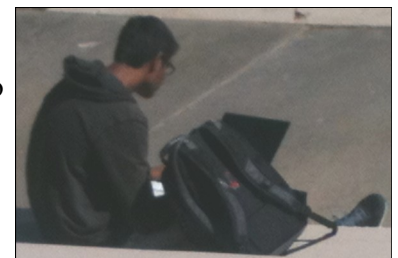


The end of October marked the completion of my 25th year of vocational, “partner-based” campus ministry. Wow! I never dreamed as a “lost” Georgia Tech student-athlete in the early 1980’s that I would be on the campus nearing the age of 50 while being the father of five very active children. Much less, would I have believed that I would be a campus minister.

However, like the blind man who regained his sight after his encounter with Jesus (John 9), I too confess, “...*one thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.*” Moreover, by God’s grace, like Jesus, I choose to “*drink the cup* (will, destiny) *which the Father has given me* (John 18:11).”



Being a “fruit” of campus ministry work during my collegiate days, **God has given me grace and desire to be a “voice of truth” on the campus as well as a “friend” to the lost students.** That “*love for the lost,*” especially students, was put into me by the Lord and has been the driving force of my ministry over the years. Moreover, history has shown that universities are a “battleground” of ideas and perhaps the most strategic place to impact the hearts and minds of future leaders for good or evil!



Presently, to assist us in meeting our family and ministry needs, we are trusting God for **25 new monthly partners**. Some suggested amounts are \$30, \$50, \$100 or \$200. Also, we are trusting God for **25 partners to make a special “25 Year Ministry Anniversary” contribution** of \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more. Partner contributions to *Forerunners For Christ* are tax deductible and we do have the capability to receive contributions of stocks, bonds, etc.

Thank you in advance for **continuing (or your consideration) to partner with us** as you make your charitable and year-end giving decisions. May God abundantly bless you and your families during the coming Holiday season! Please contact me if you have questions or if I can be of service.

Your campus missionary,

Bart Jones

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