

Dear Prayer Supporters,

It's the sixth week of spring semester and we're settling into our new routine. Here's a sample of our weekly schedule:

Monday: Dave holds "office hours" in the afternoon. Our students are welcome to come and "hang out" to chat or study. Interesting conversations often take place during this time, and we're able to get a feel for the spiritual and personal struggles they are facing. At 5:00 pm Dave joins three students for "The Religious Panel" on the campus radio station. Leav (Jewish), Erin (Muslim) and Atira (Christian) discuss all things religious, comparing and contrasting their respective faith traditions. (You can listen online at whrw.fm on Mondays at 5:00 pm.) At 7:00 he meets with the small-group leaders (Jordan, Naomi, Kenny, Katie, Tiquel, and Atira) to guide them in preparation for the Bible studies they teach on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.

Tuesday: Elizabeth has been holding office hours on Tuesday afternoons. She often schedules around Nour, a recent convert from Islam who seems to be soaking up the truths of the Bible. Nour lives at home and has not told her parents about her faith in Christ, so her opportunities to grow spiritually are extremely limited. On Tuesday evenings Dave meets with the wrestlers for Bible study, which either he or a local pastor teaches. The wrestlers are enthusiastic to study the Word and several of them have shown definite progress in their spiritual growth. Please continue to pray for the salvation on the unsaved fellows who attend this study.

Wednesday: This is generally a "study day" as Dave prepares to teach three Bible studies in the next two days. Sometimes we take advantage of the open day to meet up with a student for lunch or coffee. Dave is tabling today, so pray for good conversations and opportunities. After the last time he tabled, three girls (including one Jewish and one Mormon) came to CBF that evening! He also met a Muslim student who seems very open to the gospel. Pray for "F" in her search for truth.

Thursday: At 11:00 am we arrive at SUNY-Broome for a one-hour Bible study with the students there. This CBF group was averaging six last semester, but we've lost two students due to schedule changes. We do have one new student this semester, and three signed up for more information at the activities fair last week. Pray with us that this group will increase both in numbers and in enthusiasm. At 7:30 pm we're back at BU for our main weekly meeting, which includes praise songs, announcements, an occasional game, and a Bible study. We conclude by 9:30 and enjoy fellowship over refreshments, which Elizabeth diligently oversees each week.

Friday: We're usually getting pretty tired by Friday, but it's back to BU again for Dave to teach a Bible study for the Korean Christian Fellowship at 4:00 pm. He has been helping with this group for several years. Because the local Korean Baptist Church is currently without a pastor, Dave has been able to preach occasionally at the afternoon English service for the students.

Saturday: Every weekend is different. Our students usually plan a fun event for Saturday and we often choose to attend. Sometimes we let them have fun without us. Lunch and coffee appointments might also take place on the weekend. Elizabeth typically has a Bible study with two of our alumni ladies over Zoom on Saturday. It's such an encouragement that some of our past students are maintaining contact with us, even continuing to study the Word together.

Sunday: After church, we meet with our student leaders (Ben, Angelina, Tiquel, and Lun) to evaluate the past week and plan upcoming events. They are a great source of information for us about what's going on among the group and some of the difficulties various ones are facing.

Thank you for praying for the Valentine panel a couple weeks ago. Everything went well! All three couples were able to be there, and the wisdom they shared with our students was invaluable. Over 50 were present, including several first-time guests. Pray that we'll see some of them again, and that all who were there will take to heart the truths shared.

We have a couple new Jewish contacts, Ari and Zach, who seem genuinely interested in exploring and understanding Christianity. Pray for them! Please continue to pray for the salvation of Daniel and Mitchell, also Jewish, along with Marco, Aidan, Olya, and others new to the group whose spiritual condition we aren't yet sure of.

We would also appreciate your prayers as we work on plans for this semester's retreat which will hopefully take place in late March. We're waiting to hear back from the third pastor we've approached about being our speaker. We usually "camp out" in a church for this retreat, so we also need to find a suitable church willing to house us. Pray also that the Lord will be working in the hearts of those students He wants to attend.

We hope this gives you some insight into what a typical week might look like in our lives. Thank you for your ongoing prayer and financial support that enable us to accomplish what the Lord has given us to do!

In Christ,

Dave and Elizabeth Mayner