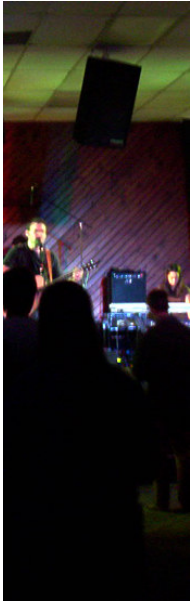




### Vision and Purpose



I need to take the first part of this letter and again share my vision and heart with you. I am convinced that God is using us here at ISU and that we are an integral part of what he is doing here. I would like to say that the work could not continue if Christie and I were not here but I also believe that the very rocks would cry out if we did not, basically God would find a way.

But as important as our work is here is the work that you do for us. We simply could not do what we do without you. Your support in prayer and financially is invaluable to us.

To you it may be just a couple of dollars here or there or a couple of minutes praying for us in the midst of a list of things you lift up to the Father. But that action, that step of faith, every time you do it, is what keeps us going out there in the mission field. God uses you to motivate, to encourage and to fuel the fire that keeps us in the fight for the eternity of souls that hang in the balance. +

### And Now the News

I've got a lot to tell you about. First off the Faithwalkers conference was amazing. The topic was the eight core values of our movement of Churches (Great Commission Churches [gccweb.org](http://gccweb.org)) I think that everyone who went came away with steps that they believe God wants them to take in faith.

I am speaking at the Rock for three weeks here in February. Our tag line at the Rock has been: "Interested in God but not religion?" We are trying to catch those who have never been to church before or have been burned by organized religion in the past.



Particularly I have been speaking on who God is through three "God is" statements in the New Testament. God is spirit, God is light and God is love. I am trying to fit these three tough topics together but not get too deep theologically (I only have 20 minutes apiece). I also want to be entertaining and engaging to a crowd that has a notoriously short attention span. I am enjoying the challenge.

We need to finish fundraising for our ministry outpost building on the edge of campus. We need the money this month so that we can move on remodeling to hopefully be completed by the start of school next fall. Please pray for us and consider pledging. ([www.z37.org](http://www.z37.org)) +

### Taking Action

This semester I wanted to stretch my faith by disciplining myself in two areas.

God has helped me be faithful in daily devotionals for several years now but it has never been a focus of the time to spend much of it in prayer. God convicted me of this and I have made a much stronger push to make sure that I am being faithful and faith-filled in my prayer life.

So, I went out and bought a cheap timer to make sure that I am getting a set amount of time in prayer everyday.

Similarly I have wanted to get out on campus more and share the gospel. I have made it a point to get out there and talk to people.

Some are people that I have a pre-established relationship with and some I just walk up to and ask what they think about the spiritual. I have been stepping out to be more bold with the truth that God has given me.

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