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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The term is half over. Forgive me for preventing you from more effectively carrying out your valuable ministry of supporting student work in prayer.

We have been continuing the pattern begun in the first term of devoting our 90-minute large group meetings to in-depth Bible studies in Acts. The progress is slow (we hope to get to chapter 9 by exam period) but exciting, as students work together to understand God's word and the challenges it provides for the Christian life and mission. Acts reminds us that mission is the ministry of every Christian, and that it must happen in all places and on all occasions. We have had another student who does not know Christ join us this term. Our group continues to attract those who don't know Christ, where they can study Scripture in an open and serious setting, but also where the atmosphere is one of love and friendship. Please pray that this trend will continue, because God's word should be known and studied much more widely than is the case in our Universities.

The other major focus of the leadership team, this year, was to encourage students of VCF to work together in their faculties to engage in direct outreach. In the first term, it looked like the outreach focus might not take hold; this term the students have really embraced the possibilities and are actively planning group events in the faculties of Arts, Science, Engineering, Education, and at St. Thomas. This is truly exciting! Students are hearing the calling of God to become more overt witnesses and are encouraging one another to take that calling seriously. Your continuing prayers that student lives will be transformed as they meet Christ through witnessing believers is very important.

The next several weeks will see a number of important events happen. The search for new student leaders to lead the VCF group is now under way. We are praying that the right students will be prepared to take on this demanding role for the next school year. As well, Maritime IVCF chapters are continuing to carry out their long-term plans of partnering with student groups in Kazakhstan, by organising another summer mission to teach English as a Second Language in a University there. We have two or three students from UNB and STU who are considering or have committed themselves to being part of this summer's work. They are in the process of applying and raising the financial support needed to attend. This is a stretching and rewarding ministry that will require much prayer for the students in their preparations and the actual ministry of teaching and witnessing when they arrive in Kazakhstan. It will also be a good opportunity for our students to work with Kazakh Christians and for each to mutually encourage one another.

Finally, I want to remind you of the breadth of IVCF's ministry at UNB and STU. While much of the work is with undergraduate students, I am called to work with faculty and graduate students, as well as contributing to the overall dialogue about truth that universities are supposed to foster. I have completed a book on St. Augustine's doctrine of creation that will be published by the State University of New York later this year, have a paper to present at an academic conference in May, and am teaching a course in Environmental Ethics this term. These activities allow me greater presence on campus and open up doors for significant conversations in all levels of UNB and STU about how Christ is the source of all truth. Pray that I might be diligent and scrupulous in my engagement with the academic world, as I increase my activities in these areas of witness.

Thank you for your prayer support at UNB and STU. May God grant us strength and encouragement as we continue working together for his Kingdom.

Blessings,

Scott

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