



## ‘I want to know this Christianity’

---- Xiang, a new student from China

Cindy, a Christian professor at a university in Texas, called me excitedly last Friday night on her drive home. “Steve, I just spent an hour at Starbucks with Xiang, one of my students. She knows nothing about Christianity and asked me to tell her about it. It was so cool!” she said.

Cindy explained who God is, how sin separates us from God, and what Christ has done. She gave Xiang a Bible and is connecting her with other Chinese on campus who are Christians.

It all started because Cindy introduces herself on the first day of class: her family, her hopes for the class, and her faith: “I tell them that I am a Christian, that I will never bring this up again during the semester, but that I am open to talking if they are ever interested. At the end of that class Xiang had said ‘I want to know this Christianity.’” [Note: names changed to protect privacy.]



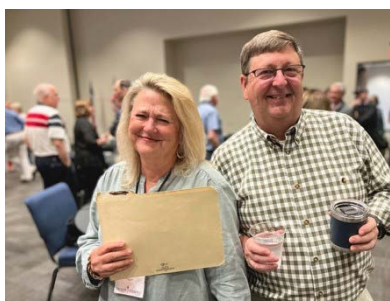
All across the U.S. there are growing numbers of Christian professors who are open about their faith.

Penn State’s Heather Holleman says, “I have learned that talking about Jesus with others is a natural extension of who someone is in Christ. More and more I think about this idea of God sending me to people who need to know Him.”



More than 20 years ago faculty told me that their students were afraid to visit faculty offices, but they often “visited” online. This led to the creation of Faculty Commons’ website [MeetTheProf.com](http://MeetTheProf.com).

Princeton physicist Robert Kaita, one of more than 500 Christian professors now on the site, says: “There is no contradiction in my claim to be a Christian and a scientist. Both ‘professions’ involve an ongoing process of knowing more about a God who wants to be known, both through His Word and through His creation.”



For the past three years Sarah has served as the Chief of Staff for Rick Hove, the National Director of Faculty Commons (*left*). This month, after 48 years with Cru, Sarah is retiring.

She says: “I am grateful for my years with Cru—working shoulder to shoulder with people who love the Lord and are involved in His mission globally. My work has included multiple campuses over the years and multiple and different roles. It has been a privilege to be part of Cru.”

I am still fulltime with Cru, so your continued giving makes both local and national work with professors possible. This fall I will be visiting professors in Montana, California, Oklahoma and Nebraska -- as well as universities throughout Texas -- as they make Christ known to their students.

If you ever have any questions about our ministry, feel free to call or text me at 940-367-2094. As always, thanks for continuing to make all of this possible through your giving and praying.

*Steve & Sarah*