



National Missions: RUF-Winthrop

Dear Bethel,

At the end of every school year our seniors have the opportunity to share about how God has been at work in their lives during college. One recent graduate shared the following: "A big piece about myself is that coming into college and coming out of high school, I was a very prideful person...[we all have] Bible verses that everyone reads and sometimes you gloss over them intentionally. I think mine was when the Bible says, 'we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.' I thought that verse is for everyone else. But when I came to college, when I really stepped into adulthood with flaws and with a lot of room to grow as a believer. Looking back, I had no idea how the Lord was going to take me and work on me. I think the way that he's done that is by using other people. God has really shown me that one of the most direct ways to experience the kingdom of God, is to be with God's people. And I think RUF's amazing and incredible value is that it's allowed me to journey with God's people, and sometimes God's people can critique you, can lift you up, can really be an inspiration, an admonition to be better, to remember you're not perfect, and that you can learn from someone else's prayer life. You can learn from someone's

humility. You can learn from somebody's not judgmental tendencies. You can really grow. I think for me, in my time in RUF, I learned that the kingdom of God is so readily available and is a transformative experience. And as [college] is coming to an end, I'm thinking, God really used a bunch of you guys in my life to make this life experience something it could never be without. I'm really glad. I really appreciate that back in the summer of 2023, a friend said, 'hey, you should come to a Bible study group with me,' and I said, 'okay.' And it worked out. It worked out so well. I'm so thankful. I'm so honored to be speaking with you guys as someone who's kind of made it through. You guys were all a part of what made RUF so great to me."

Senior talks are only a piece of how God is at work through RUF Winthrop. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your support. College students wouldn't be transformed without your help. We're continuously grateful for the opportunity to shepherd students towards our Lord Jesus for a 12th year!

Warmly in Christ,
Mark and Katherine Ashbaugh

this week

Sunday's sermon:

Saved By Grace

Jonah 1:17-2:10

events

GriefShare
7/8 at 6:30 pm

Colleen Riddle Circle
7/9 @ 11:00 am

GriefShare
7/9 at 1:00 pm

volunteer schedule

Infant Nursery
Ann Marsh &
Cindy Love

Toddler Nursery
Jackie & Albert
Krashner

Worship Training
Amanda Brummett
& Kathy Donnelly