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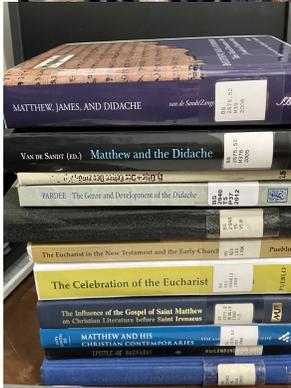
September 2022 You Were Strangers, Part 2

Last month I talked about our Christian work of welcoming strangers, inviting them to trust in Jesus, and, in short, loving them as Christ has loved us.



One of the primary ways that Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry builds relationships with newcomers and gets the door open for deep and caring conversation is through English coaching and conversation evenings.

As you might know if you've watched the Wittenberg Door over the years, Pastor Spotts is trained in classical languages and literature, and



has done a good bit of teaching of foreign languages and English vocabulary, history, and other parts of the liberal arts. Offering help with English seems perfectly normal. We have a breakdown of a thousand common words, sorted by the sounds they contain, so as to help non-native English speakers focus on making and hearing the distinctive sounds of American English. We do it in one-on-one or very small group settings, face to face, because seeing the motions and postures involved in making sounds is very helpful. Yes, we can always use native English speakers who would like to be trained in the process!

During English sessions, an important element is helping the international student carry on a conversation. Our conversations starters often get people talking about

important issues. This presents an open door to bring Christ and His answers into the conversation. He has help and hope for all the struggles we humans face!

For a larger group atmosphere, we mix people up every other Friday with a dinner and conversation evening in our house. Here, people of various ages and from various cultures can get together around simple food that they could make themselves using common ingredients. We have a little guided discussion, which sometimes leads to bigger questions. In any case, we make it possible for newcomers to our community to meet and make friends with local residents, building friendships that will last.

We're always glad to build these relationships. When we were strangers, Christ loved us and gave himself for us. We can do no less.

Wittenberg Door Financial Update

The Wittenberg Door 300 continues to grow, though it hasn't reached 300 people yet! The 300 is our group of regular contributors. Any contribution is welcome. Our average contributor gives about \$50 per month, but we are glad to have participants on every level. If we have three hundred contributors we will be fully funded to have a full-time pastor, whatever office assistance we need, and to conduct many activities on campus to bring the Gospel to all who will hear. With your help we know we can accomplish great things for Christ!

I'm now taking every opportunity to introduce the work to church congregations and remind them that we are here on the campuses as part of their work of outreach to the world. Though many of the routine operating expenses of WDCM have been covered by generous giving, we have not been able to reach the point of providing housing, health care, or a salary for Pastor Spotts. As you can imagine, this is a significant part of our budget. Please consider stepping forward with support.

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Checks mailed to us are deposited with no commission paid to any intermediary. Most of our contributions are actually received this way, but we can receive funds sent through Paypal or Google Pay as well. Giving is easy! Simply visit our website at www.wittenbergcomo.com and click on "about" and "support us."

Special Prayer Updates

Several people who are not in a position to provide financial support have made contact with us lately. Your prayers are precious!

Please pray that more native English speakers will step forward and receive the training to expand our coaching program.

Pray that we will be faithful to care for each person we are brought in contact with.

Pray that our relationships within the fraternity and sorority system will grow in a Christ-honoring manner and that the young people will grow in their desire to live out a Christian life in all things.

Our study of John's Gospel is under way! You can join in by visiting www.wittenbergcomo.com and clicking on the picture of John the Evangelist!

Pray that the Lord's Word will show itself powerful to draw people to him.

In all things I give thanks for you and your care which you have shown for me, both now and over the past several years!



Upcoming Activities:

Mondays at 5:00 pm – Fraternity Dinner and Chapter Meeting

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm – Heidelberg Discussions (at the Heidelberg!)

Thursdays at 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion at the MU Student Center

Friday, September 2 – Dinner and Conversation Evening 6-8 pm

Sunday, September 4 – Pastor Spotts at St. John's Lutheran, Lohman, MO

Tuesday, September 6 – AALC World Mission Commission, 6 pm

Friday, September 16 – Dinner and Conversation Evening 6-8 pm

September 19-December 9 Pastor Spotts teaching “The Bible in Context” (Wednesday evenings) and “Greek 1”(Thursday evenings) at www.alts.edu – be sure to register!

Friday, September 29 – Dinner and Conversation Evening 6-8 pm

Remember to get your church on my calendar!

Watch the calendar at www.wittenbergcomo.com, follow our Facebook page, and friend WDCM Chaplain on Facebook to see times and places where Pastor Spotts can be found around campuses in coffee shops or restaurants!

We always have something new at the website, the blog, and the activities calendar. Please be a friend on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. If you're in Columbia, let's get together on or near campus. Go to <https://www.wittenbergcomo.com/support-us.html> to provide financial support. The Wittenberg Door 300 needs you!