

***"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."***

**-3 John 4**

Vanna's sister invited her to RUF after attending a Bible study she heard about on social media. Vanna became a Christian her senior year of high school, but had not been baptized. As Vanna got more involved in RUF, I began meeting with her to talk about her faith, the meaning of Christian baptism, and the importance of the local church. As a result, Vanna found a church home and a few weeks ago, was baptized by her senior pastor. Praise God! It was especially neat to see our students celebrating with her the work of God's grace in her life.



Some of you have heard me talk about Samuel. He came to Christ through the ministry of RUF at Florida Gulf Coast University. I'm convinced that a few of you actually prayed Samuel into the Kingdom! Samuel is now attending law school at Nova Southeastern University. This summer, when Samuel visited one of our partnering churches on the east coast of Florida,

he was greeted by friends and supporters of RUF. A few of them even knew Samuel's story. I can't tell you how happy I was when a couple months later, Samuel posted a picture on social media from that church's men's retreat. Commenting on the picture, Samuel said, "Had a great time with St. Andrews PCA's Men's Retreat. Fellowship was great and building relationships with other Christ followers!" I'm so happy to see students connecting to the body of Christ. Please continue to pray for Samuel and others like him as they graduate from FGCU leave the ministry of RUF.



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Tonight we will host the last event of the semester. As I reflect on the last few months, it has certainly been a wild ride. We started a weekly large group meeting on campus on Monday nights. Bobbilee and a few students led us in singing and I preached through the book of John. We averaged about thirty students a week with forty five students regularly attending. We also put together a team of ten students who assist with the ministry, including students who lead our small group Bible studies. All of these things are “firsts” for our growing campus ministry: first large group, first ministry team, first student-led Bible studies. As if those things weren’t challenging enough, we started them without two of our key student-leaders who were away on internships this semester. We expected things to be tough, but we didn’t anticipate the hurricane and the difficulty it brought with it. Also happening during the semester, two of our student leaders left the university. One student transferred and the other dropped out. Neither of which is uncommon for FGCU. Yet even with all of that going on, we still experienced fifty percent growth in the size of our ministry in just one semester. We now have students representing pockets of the university we haven’t been able to reach before: athletes, fraternities, and international students. Ministry is starting to take place without me! Students are meeting independently one-on-one and in small groups to study the Bible and invest in one another’s lives. It’s a beautiful thing!



Would you pray for us?

- Pray for our students as they finish the semester and take their final exams. Pray that their celebration of Christmas will be sweeter

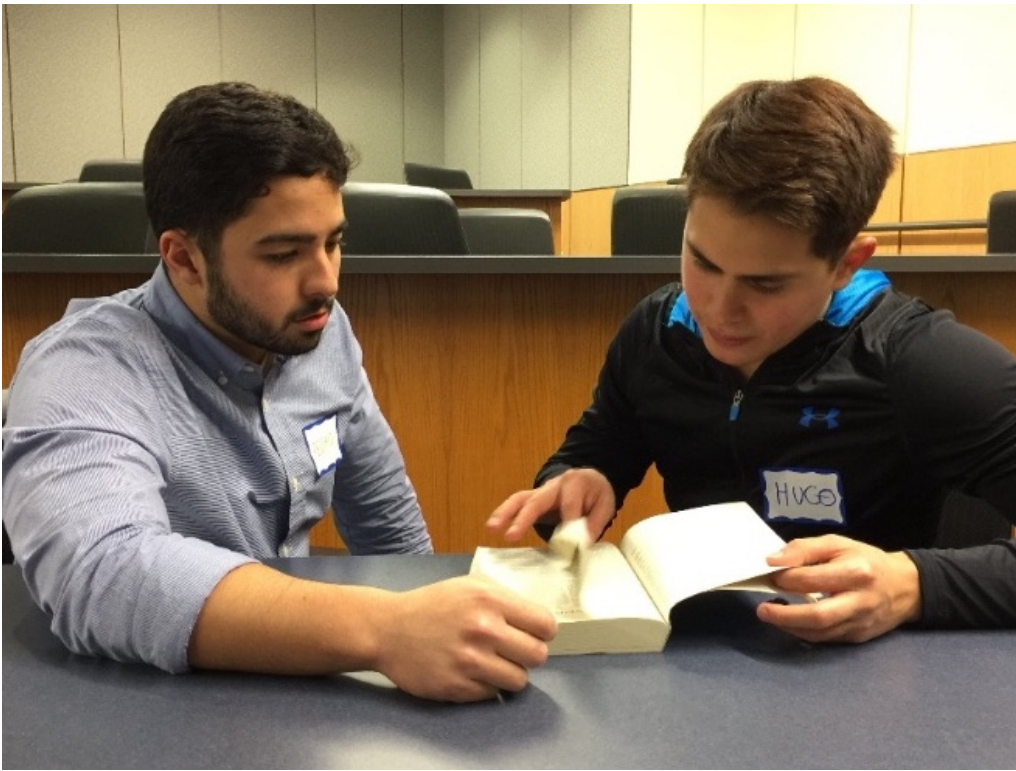


because of their time in RUF this semester. Pray for students returning home to difficult family situations or to families that are not open to the gospel. Pray that God would use them to shine his light on a dark world.

- Pray for rest. Our home will be without students for a month. Please pray for Bobbilee and the kids especially. They have been amazing hosts this semester and are ready for a much deserved break. Pray that Christmas break will be refreshing for our family. Pray that I would get some quality time with them.
- Pray for fundraising efforts in the remaining weeks of the year. We are currently anticipating a twenty thousand dollar shortfall to end the calendar year. Pray that God would continue to raise up individuals and churches to partner with.
- Pray for the upcoming semester. After an insightful and encouraging week of staff training, pray for my ability to apply what I've learned. Pray for all the planning and preparation that will take place over Christmas break. Pray for another strong start in January.
- Pray for the relationships that I have with a few of the student athletes (soccer, tennis, and cross country). Pray that God would help me equip those students to reach their teammates with the gospel. Pray for increasing access to that part of the student body.
- Pray for Florida Gulf Coast University. For the new president, Dr. Michael Martin, that God would give him wisdom as he leads. Pray the gospel would bring about reconciliation on a campus that seems to be getting more racially divided.







Over the Thanksgiving holiday, I received several notes from students expressing their appreciation for the ministry of RUF at FGCU. As a ministry partner, I thought you might want to read some of them. I hope they encourage you.

*"Thank you so much for providing a great place for students to encounter Jesus."*  
-Alec from Illinois

*"I'm glad you've brought RUF to our school and have made it so awesome!"*

-Chase from Ft. Lauderdale

*"I'm so beyond thankful for you and your family. You guys have been such a wonderful blessing to me and so many others."*

-Hannah from Tampa

*"RUF has been a blessing this semester."*

-Kyra from Wesley Chapel

*"I'm really thankful for RUF. It's been such a blessing getting to know everyone."*

-Brett from Ocoee

*"I'm very thankful that I met you and your family. You guys have really impacted my life."*

-Daniella from Naples

*"I'm so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of RUF."*

-Victoria from Pembroke Pines

*"Thanks for making my FGCU experience so awesome."*

-Mitch from Iowa

*"You and your family have been such a blessing to me this year."*

-Anna from Coral Springs

*"I'm thankful for you and your family and all that you do for me and the university. I wouldn't have experienced college the right way without you."*

-Adam from Beverly Hills