

# Grace May

Serving with The Navigators to advance the gospel  
with college students



Dear Friends,

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Campus is unexpectedly quiet, and COVID-19 has engineered opportunities to be creative with ministry. Students dispersed across the country for spring break and are finishing classes online. To continue Bible studies and large group meetings we are using visual technologies. In the midst of all the unexpected changes, it has been a joy to see students live out their faith wherever they are.

Meanwhile, this semester has been different for me as well. Since February, my main assignment has been sabbatical. The Navigators recommend that staff take a sabbatical every 7-10 years. Because I have already been on staff for 9 years, this spring is the perfect time for it. Wow, time has flown! During this time, I have served on 3 campuses and see God do incredible things in the many people's lives. What a joy to reflect on God's presence and faithfulness throughout these years. Sabbatical has also been timely for me to become more established in Lawrence community and ease a bumpy transition to Kansas.

The purpose of this sabbatical is intentional time away for rest, time in the Scriptures, and development. My goal is to be refreshed and more equipped to help the next generation of college students with the gospel. And I believe we are best able to invest into the lives of others when ministering out of overflow.

I have an excellent team of mentors helping draw out what God has for this time away. Some highlights thus far include Nancy Guthrie's Biblica! Theology Workshop, reading several books, and a trip to Colorado with Stephen. Some things I am looking forward to are participating in the Navigators Leadership Development Institute, some personal spiritual retreats, and updating the house that we just purchased!

Thank you for your partnership with me during this strategic season of ministry. I am grateful for my leaders and your generosity towards me and my ministry.



**Right:** I loved participating in Simeon Trust's workshop alongside other staff women. We were equipped in teaching the Bible to others using 1 Peter.

**Below:** Before it became unwise to travel, part of my sabbatical included some processing time at Navigator headquarters. I loved introducing Stephen to Glen Eyrie, a place with rich history for Navigators.

**Above: Zoom, Zoom, Zoom** - Many ministry activities, like this student leadership meeting, are connecting people attending across the country.

**Left: Reconnecting with Brenna** to hear her stories of God's faithfulness now and during 3 years in the Dominican Republic. It reminded me of times we spent together when she was a student and I staff at University of Minnesota.

