

Four and a half years ago our family returned to Lancaster County and became involved in Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ. After ten years of ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Pittsburgh and the various health concerns our family has navigated, I never dreamed that we would find a place where our family and ministry were truly embraced. But as Theresa and I enter 15 years of marriage and ministry, we have come to find EBIC "home." Thank-you. To God be the glory!

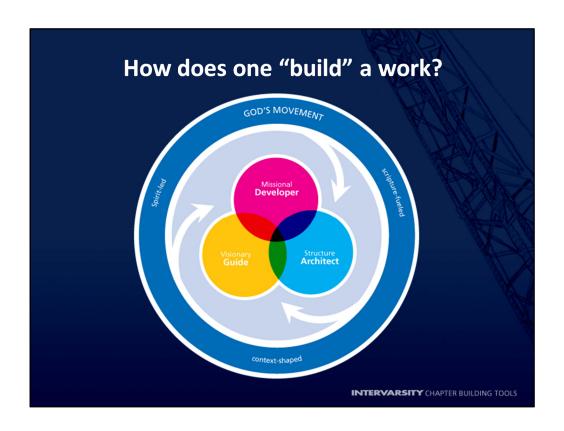
Building a Network of Christian Scholars and Professionals

Pioneering a National Model in South Central PA

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In this new stage of pioneering ministry, we have been called to build a network of Christian Scholars and Professionals in south central Pennsylvania. Here's a snapshot of where we are at today.



As in any structure or workplace, the Father, by His Spirit, leads His children to bring to and incarnate the Word of God in their particular context. My role, by the grace of God, is not only to be a developer, guide, and architect,

The Core: Missional Christians

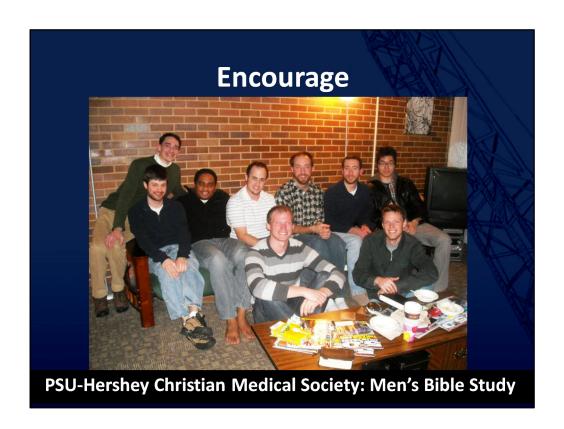
Students, professionals, or faculty members who are motivated by their relationship with Jesus to advance the Gospel on campus, willingly devoting time & resources as a community to take risks for Jesus' sake.

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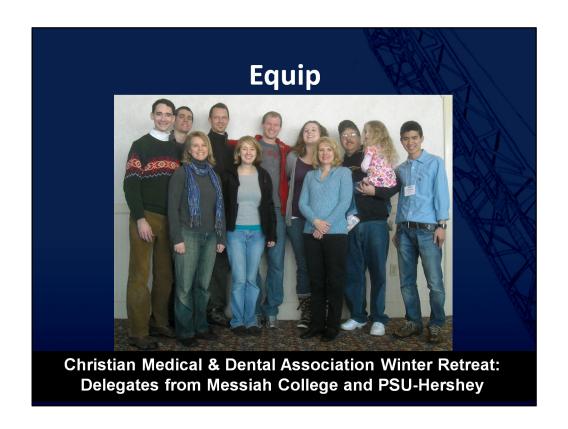
but also to raise up missional Christians who will be likewise on their campus and wherever the Lord leads them in the future. To state it simply, I



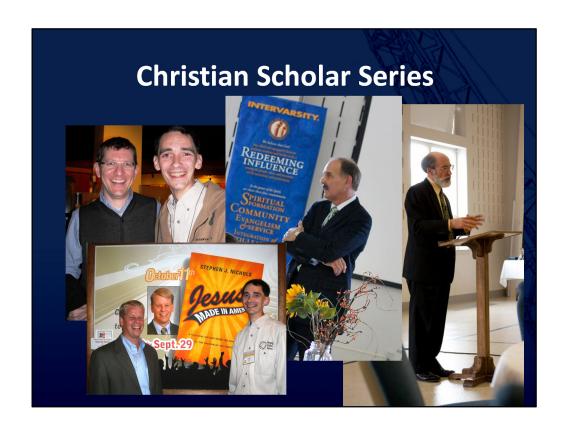
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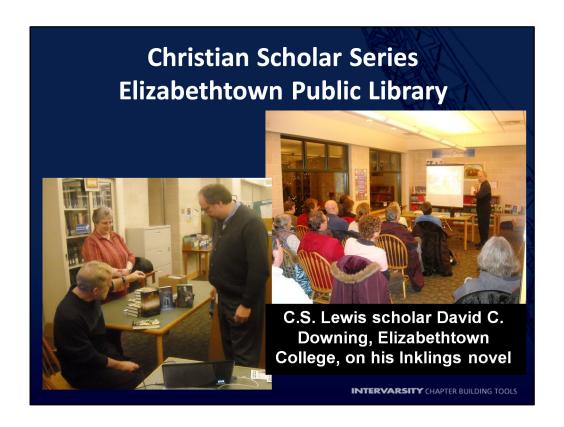
Encourage



And Equip missional Christians. The daily life of missional Christians (and the ministries which they develop on campus) extend the Way, Truth, and Life ... calling some to Christ for the first time, calling others to grow in Christ-likeness in deeper ways, and offering to others the call to return to the Father, as the prodigal son and his brother.



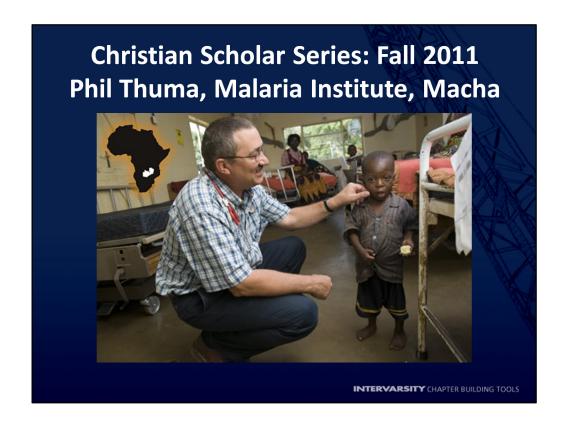
Over the past two years we've partnered with EBIC in developing the Christian Scholar Series.



An amazing new opportunity in the community is a partnership with the Elizabethtown Public Library to host three Christian authors this winter and spring.



In February we'll host Mary Poplin, a professor of education who Christ called out of Radical Feminism and Marxism to Radical Christianity.



In the fall Ebic will host Phil Thuma.



What is the end goal? For Christ to be declared and worshiped across south central PA, the United States, and the earth. Lord, come quickly. (First Service: For more please swing by the welcome center for an informational sheet or catch one of the students who will join me for the rest of morning)/Second service: Matt is here to give testimony to the value of the Christian Medical Society at PSU-Hershey.