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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Thank you for allowing me to serve out-of-bounds with CMDA (Christian Medical and Dental Associations – www.cmda.org, www.cmdajackson.org) this past year.

This was my third year with the ministry. Discipleship with students continued, as I led a several students through Hebrews, *Knowing Christ* (by Mark Jones), and *The Reason for God* (Keller).

Our Tuesday Large Group (lunch meeting in the Student Union) continued, too. We heard from local medical professionals, UMMC faculty, and local ministers, including me. (My wife, Jen, has also been a great help to me and the work – meeting students at Large Group when she can, hosting many of them in our home, and simply being an encouragement.)

I also have a new intern – our first female intern – Katelynn Ronning. Her focus is on the girls in the ministry (there are probably 50% female students, if not more, at CMDA). Katelynn is an RTS Counseling student and has two years of RUF Intern experience at Ole Miss. She was a great help this past year, and I'm excited about the coming year for her.

This next school year will see an increase in the ministry. We're developing a mentor program for the students (connecting them with local professionals – medical and non-medical); missions work (MS and foreign); a retreat for medical professionals; and a symposium for students and residents (to aid in understanding their calling to serve Christ in their work, and to aid in managing life after graduation and residency).

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Lord and these students. I'm looking forward to the coming school year and what the Lord will do in my own life and the lives of our students.

In light of this, I'd like to ask to remain on Presbytery's role as laboring out-of-bounds for this next year.

Prayer needs:

- **Family**
 - To be filled with the Holy Spirit
 - To love each other well
 - To serve each other and others with sincere hearts
- **CMDA Jackson**
 - **Outreach** – There are many students, faculty, and administrators who do not know Christ. Please pray for my and our students' opportunities to tell others about Jesus. Please pray that we'd see conversions!
 - **Discipleship** – our reach to and discipleship of the students and local medical professionals. Our upcoming year and the new possibilities for ministry to the students and doctors.
 - **Financial stability/strength** – Please pray for our keeping in contact with our partners/supporters in ministry. And, please pray for continued financial supply to the work. (Philippians 4:17)

By grace alone, Rick