

2019

**Dear Fathers and Brothers,**

Thank you for allowing me to serve out-of-bounds with CMDA (Christian Medical & Dental Associations – [www.cmda.org](http://www.cmda.org), [www.cmdajackson.org](http://www.cmdajackson.org)) this past year. This was my fourth year with CMDA.

The ministry included meeting with students one-to-one and in small groups. Two of my favorite groups were our Monday night Romans study and our Leadership Team. The Romans study included students from several different schools at UMMC. Our Leadership Team was designed to specifically equip students to disciple other students one-to-one and in small groups. Each of these groups had great Biblical discussions on a variety of subjects.

In our Large Group meetings (Tuesdays at noon) this year, I addressed different apologetic matters, in hopes of equipping our students to understand their Biblical worldview better, hear the questions and comments their classmates may have, and to provide an opportunity for non-believers to consider truth. We also heard from other medical professionals throughout the school year.

My wife, Jen continued hosting students in our home weekly. Our intern, Katelynn (now a 3rd year LPC student at RTS), continued meeting with female students and to be a great help overall to the ministry.

Our first Professionals' Winter Retreat was held at the beginning of February on the topic of "Burnout" - something I'd become aware of in the medical world through students and professionals. It was well received. We hope to continue this Retreat (though the topic may change) and expand it into two or three Retreats throughout the year (on other topics/needs).

Several students were connected to medical professionals through our Mentor Program, too. This seemed to go well for the first year and hope it will continue.

We were also able to take one of our OT students (May 2019 graduate) to Peru with First Pres, Jackson this summer. She was a great addition to the team, taking care of several patients needing OT/PT training and vision correction.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Lord and these students.

**Prayer needs:**

- **Family**
  - To love and serve each other well
- **CMDA Jackson**
  - **Outreach** – There are many students, faculty, and administrators who do not know Christ. Please pray for the outreach of the ministry this next year.
  - **Discipleship** – our reach out to and discipleship of Christian students and local medical professionals.
  - **Financial stability/strength** – Please pray for our financial partners/supporters in ministry, and our communications with them.

**By grace alone, Rick**