

## Winter Travels

February 2018

**Five weeks. Five cities.** That's since Jan. 1. Dallas, Jackson, Chicago, Des Moines, and Houston. And to be honest, we're beginning to feel the drain. But, it's been so worth it.



We began our 2018 ministry travels in **Dallas**. Some 500+ Cru staff leaders converged to plan and prepare to lead over 3000 students on 200 worldwide summer missions. Bob addressed this group telling a story of a physician living on mission in his Southern California surgical practice and urged staff leaders to call students to do the same for a lifetime.

**Jackson, MS** was next where we hosted a METS Whole Person Care Conference in conjunction with the local CMDA group. At the end of the training, one conferee wrote, *"I now realize better that it is my duty as a physician to at least give the patient an opportunity to hear the gospel if the situation permits it."* Well said!

After a few days of work at home, Bob headed to **Chicago** where he spoke on whole person care at 5 campuses (Northwestern, Rush, Midwestern, UIC, and DePaul). As always, this topic drew Christians, those considering faith, and a few atheists. There was time for deep-dish pizza, a visit to the Art Institute, and meetings with leaders at Lawndale Christian Health Center, a multi-site system providing medical care and spiritual guidance for Chicago's underserved. On one campus a student commented, *"Thank you for sharing your sincere thoughts & anecdotes on whole person care. It's a conversation med students should be exposed to more."*

From California with 80° days to **Des Moines** with 8° mornings, Bob spoke at Des Moines University on "Taking a Spiritual History: Good Medicine for Patients and Professionals?" Afterwards, one student wrote *"I really enjoyed this! It was definitely a subject that hasn't been touched on as much in the classroom. Thanks!"*

Tomorrow we both leave for **Houston** where we'll lead another METS Whole Person Care Conference. Preceptorship alumni will be serving as conference faculty.

In all this, you are having a part in shaping leaders, advancing the cause of Christ, and giving vision for living on mission in the US and beyond. And that is having worldwide impact. Thank you!

*Bob & Diana*



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### Upcoming Ministry Events

February 9-10, 2018-METS Whole Person Care Conference, Houston, TX  
March 24-31-Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip  
April 16-20-METS Whole Person Care Conference, Havana, Cuba  
June 8-10-METS Whole Person Care Conference, Redlands, CA  
June 7-July 11-Whole Person Care Preceptorship  
June 30-July 7-Pre-Med/Pre-Pro Healthcare Student Mission  
October 12-13-METS Whole Person Care Conference, Tulsa, OK  
October 19-20 METS Whole Person Care Conference, Boston, MA