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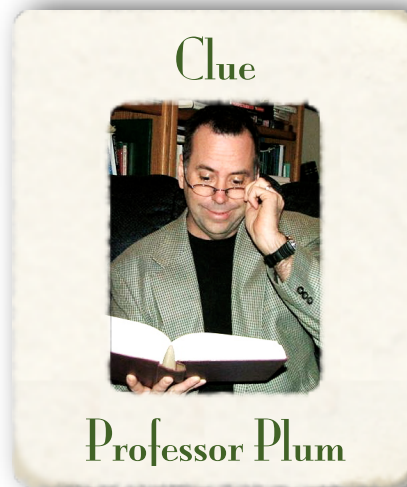
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“Professor Plum you have stolen my heart...”

Recently, I was asked to attend a missions conference at one of our supporting churches. The format was a mystery dinner theater, and the stage was set (literally) to be an enactment of the board game, “Clue.” Each missionary attending played the role of one of the characters from the famous board game. There was a detective asking questions to each missionary to determine, “Who stole my heart?” The idea was for missionaries to share their passion and call in a format that was informing and fun. We all dressed in costume, and I wore a graduation robe for my role as “Professor Plum.” The entire room was turned into a ballroom atmosphere complete with candles, white linen table cloths, spooky mystery music and great food! After dinner, without warning, the lights went out and someone screamed! When the lights were turned back on, “someone’s heart was missing...” and the game was underway! I answered many questions that gave people clues and insights about the ministry that Annie and I have been called to. At the end of the evening, everyone was asked to write a note of encouragement, with the option of providing contact information, for the missionaries that “Stole their heart,” They were then asked to drop their cards

into individually decorated boxes, made for each missionary to take home with them. I really could not wait to sit down with Annie and go through the box of cards, especially because attending this church and the evening’s event were two former students that I love so much, and I wanted to read what they might say. As we were leaving with our boxes, Colleen told me that she did not write a note to me because I had already stolen her heart when she was a student. I jokingly told her

an impact on those attending. Some did not know the reality of the challenges students face, or the environment they live in. Some had children in college and could relate to the urgency of providing a safe place for Christian students to grow. Some were students. One person even revealed that it was time to get back into ministry at their church. And one card had written on it, “Joe Shea, you stole my heart 27 years ago. I love you more now. I thank God for sending you my way.” (Annie slipped a card into the box too!) A few days later I received an email from Colleen, and with her permission, I once again share with you something from my inbox...



that didn’t matter, and I was looking forward to reading her card. I thought she was kidding... When we got out to the car, Annie drove, so I could impatiently look through the box and read the notes. And sure enough, there was no card in it from Colleen. She was not kidding... There were a lot of great cards, though! The evening certainly made

From: Colleen
Subject: Professor Plum you have Stolen my Heart
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Professor Plum, you have certainly stolen my heart. All the events and all the details are not perfectly clear, but it may have begun one Thursday night when I sat on a stage and shared with a whole group at CA that I had decided to turn away from a relationship that was leading to sin and confusion in my life and turn towards God to guide my path. That night there was a song that I played, a song that meant so much to me at that time and still does today.... Ho-

liness - Its a great song isn't it, Professor Plum? From that point on there is a memory and a connection between that song and you and I. Or maybe it was the countless Tuesday night worship practices, where you and your wife and family opened up your home, fed so many, prayed so many prayers and sung so many songs. Even the good old, "It's time to go to bed, Its time to go to bed..." for your boys before we began practice. Your home, a place that I now bring my family to and the door is still open wide and the love is immense. Or maybe it was the night when you passed by as I sat on a bench by a lake with the man that I am now married to and have a family with, and you said, "I am proud of you both." You continued to steal my heart when you took your time to prepare us for a marriage that will last a lifetime and then marry us, one very icy cold November day. Or maybe, just maybe it was when you supported me with prayers and love when my own father passed away. Then there are goodbye hugs in your driveway where you look at me and say with all sincerity and love... "I love you, and I am proud of you." I can at those moments, each time they are said, hear my heavenly Father echoing those same words so

needed in my life. Once I even received a note on my hospital bedside table from you with your love and support as I was in surgery for the very first time in my life. Professor Plum, it is not one but so so so many things that you have done that has stolen my heart and I am forever and eternally grateful.

Thank you, Professor Plum,
Love,
Colleen

All of what you have just read reveals a great deal about this ministry. When you think about campus ministry, you might not see right away that it's so much more than just a ministry on campus. It's a ministry that gives back to the church the generation that we are losing. It's a ministry that in the process of support raising stirs something in the hearts of church members to get involved or consider a possible call to serve in missions. It's a ministry that is providing new foundations for future healthy marriages and families. It's a ministry that debates and shares the light of gospel truth in dark places. It's a ministry that brings hope to the world of business, science, politics, medicine, education, communications, social services

and leadership by ensuring that the ethics and compassion of Christ will be modeled by young followers dedicated to seeing His Kingdom come! And yes... This is a ministry that sees the value of each individual and the impact of being there to say, "I love you, and I'm proud of you."

=== JOE ===

ANNIE'S PLACE

Joe and I would like to thank all that provide us with the funding to be on campus. As you can see in the chart below, the ministry is not funded for 1/3 of every month. Joe is not taking a full salary, and our out of pocket medical expenses have increased to \$5,000 per year (more than doubled). Every year December seems to be a month where one-time gifts come in more than any other month. This has always helped us to cover the months where there would not be enough. If you are not supporting us on a regular basis, perhaps you could send a one time gift this week, or even take that step and begin partnering with us regularly. No amount is too small or too large. Perhaps you know someone or a business that may be looking for an end-of-the-year tax deduction? Please, we cannot do it without your faithful generosity! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and His blessings in the coming New Year! === Annie ===

Support Summary

 = Days not funded

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

By dividing out over the period of a month the cost of ministry (salary, housing, insurances, ministry expenses, seminary costs, support raising expenses, office supplies and equipment, training etc.) the amount needed per day would be \$360.

Currently we have commitments from supporters to cover 20 days of the month leaving ten days each month that must be covered by one time gifts, or a forfeiture of salary and less resources. We need churches, individuals and businesses to adopt a day (or part of a day) by committing to send a donation and pray for

the ministry each month on their day. If you are already supporting us and would like to choose a day to be focusing on our ministry, let us know what day you would like. Then we will try to update you of what to be praying for on your day and update you on how those prayers are being answered. This way the ministry will be covered in prayer each day of the month, you will receive email prayer updates that are more specific and personal, and our support status can be quickly and clearly presented. If you are unable to support us on a committed level you can see how important one time gifts are for us to remain on campus, and we are grateful if you are able to partner with us at any level.