A Personal Word

From the Coile family

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Dear friends,

I believe the Lord has led me to go back to school. I am working toward a Diploma of Divinity in Christian Missions at Dayspring Bible College. I believe that preparing for ministry is just as valuable as being in ministry. I believe God will use this time to help me be more effective in my ministry.

I want to tell you a story. Many years ago, while our family was visiting relatives in Minnesota, my dad heard of a church that is clear on the gospel in Lake Zurich, Illinois. Dad turned to my mom and said, "Let's go there." So, we got up early in the morning and drove five hours to make it to church.

The pastor, Dr. James Scudder, who didn't know us at all, showed hospitality to our family. He let us stay in his office all afternoon, giving us unlimited access to his hot chocolate machine. That night, Dr. Scudder let my dad do what he longed to do—preach the Word.

That day began a lifelong friendship between Dr. Scudder and my dad. Dr. Scudder invited my dad to speak in his church many times, including during his church's annual Grace Conference. Those two men, two giants of the faith, shared wonderful fellowship in the gospel of grace.

Both men have since gone home to be with the Lord.

Today, the sons of these two men continue the legacy their fathers began. Dr. Jim Scudder, Jr. is the senior pastor of Quentin Road Baptist Church, the president of Dayspring Bible College, and the host of *InGrace* TV and radio. Josiah Coile is the president of Focus Evangelistic Ministries, the main speaker for Grace Farm events, and the host of the Focus on the Bible podcast. Both men continue to serve faithfully in the ministries their fathers began.

I am grateful to be attending Dayspring Bible College, a school that is clear on the gospel, a school whose staff prioritizes serving the Lord.

What's the point of going to Bible college? Jesus' disciples didn't have Bible college degrees. Although a degree is not necessary to serve in ministry, the training acquired at a Bible-believing school helps a person be more effective in ministry.

Some people graduate from Bible College and then don't end up serving the Lord. How sad! Not everyone is called to serve God in full-time ministry, but every believer is called to serve the Lord in some capacity.

Dayspring is preparing students for ministry. Ninety-four percent of Dayspring Bible College graduates are serving in ministries around the world. Praise God!

I am grateful for the ministry opportunities God has given to me.

Eden Grace,

for the Coile family