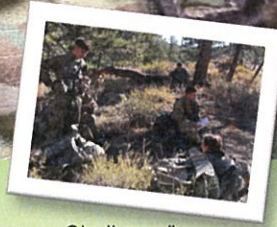


# The Tie that Binds

March 2024



## A Call from the Colonel

A few months ago, I was invited to join in with eight ROTC programs "Ranger Challenge" competition in the mountains near Fort Collins. You may remember us writing about it. It was through this opportunity that I was able to meet the commander of the Wyoming ROTC program. I offered in passing that I would be available if they ever needed anything. It was late one night in early February when he took me up on that offer. I was informed that there had been a death with one of their cadets and he asked if I could come up and offer religious support. I went early the next morning to be available to the cadets. Many of them were in shock and shared their confusion over the tragic nature of their peer's death. I listened and prayed for them. Quite a few of them recognized me from the Ranger Challenge event. (Actually, the picture above is some of these Wyoming cadets.) It was because they were familiar with me, saw me in uniform, and trusted me through prior experiences they felt comfortable to come talk about their loss.

Being in ministry for the past 22 years has taught me that we must accept the fact that we may not get to see outwardly the results of how God is working. I am reminded of Hebrews 11 where we are reminded of the "hall of faith," where we see a picture of Abraham, Sarah, Noah, Isaac and Jacob, who all died before seeing the fulfillment of God's promise, but in faith received a glimpse of God's future fulfillment. I feel like this experience in Wyoming was a glimpse of God's bigger vision as I was able to see clearly how He is using these two callings of Valor and chaplaincy for His kingdom. **Please keep the Wyoming battalion in your prayers as they grieve this loss. Pray that I can follow up and be a continued resource for them.**

On another note, I've been encouraged by how God is working in the lives of our Valor leaders at the University of Washington. I just meet with Micah, who is our 4<sup>th</sup> generation of Valor leader. He feels called to serve in the Air Force as a chaplain. **Pray for him to finish school and AF ROTC well.**

## God is still moving in the Gamma Phi sorority

I (Mia) had a few Gamma Phi's, Ella, Tacie (StuMo student ministry staff), and Angelina, over the other day and am so encouraged by how God is continuing to move and draw students into relationship with Himself! Ella and Tacie met Angelina during a coffee outreach before Rush. Angelina ended up pledging Gphi and after inviting her to a few StuMo events and sharing the gospel with her, she surrendered her life to Christ! In fact, all three of them came to know Jesus in college through Gphi! Praise God! I was also encouraged to hear that 29 Gamma Phi's came to the StuMo weekly meeting, 11 went to their winter conference, and 7 are going on their summer mission trip this summer, including Ella (as student staff) and Angelina! **Please pray that Ella and Angelina will get their full support for their summer mission, as neither come from Christian backgrounds.** Tacie is also grateful for your prayers. "Thank you so much for your prayers over this sorority! This chapter and these girls hold such a special place in my heart having come to Christ while in Gphi in college and now continuing ministry there while on staff with StuMo!"

**Please pray also for the dinner I'm hosting at our house for the Gamma Phi' on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please pray girls will be able to come, that they will bring their sorority sisters, and that the Lord would lead our time.** Thank you!

So blessed by you!

*Christian and Mia*

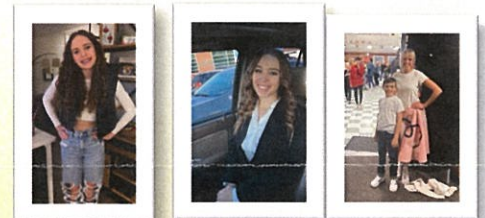
## Family Update

*Praise: Thank you for praying for Christian's finals! He not only passed Greek 2 but ended up with an A! Truly to God be the glory! Please continue to pray for him his final two semesters of seminary.*

*Anya turned 15 in February and got her driver's permit! She is anxious to start driving more. Please pray for safety!*

*Lily competed at the Colorado HOSA (Future Health Professionals) State Conference and placed in the top ten in the medical reading event. She is thinking about a future in nursing and just started a job as a Food and Nutrition Aid at Columbine Health. Pray for wisdom and direction as she starts looking into colleges.*

*Dawson and I had fun dancing at his elementary school's Sock Hop! He has also enjoyed his Lego Robotics club at school where they are building a robot and learning how to program it to move!. Right up his alley!*



*Mia with Gamma Phi's: Ella, Tacie, Angelina*

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