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Dear friends,

How inadequate my words are to say what I would like to express to you. How can I possibly say thank you so well that you would know, too, what this experience has meant in my life, both the two years I have been working with you and in years to come?

Does one say thank you for being given the chance to serve another and God? Certainly we as Christians seek His direction and will in our lives and need be grateful and humble that we are able to serve in any small or great way. Often in our lives we find that we are unable to please God and please ourselves at the same time, that sometimes we can only please God by squelching self. Saying "yes" to God is not always easy. But in this, saying "yes" was my natural and strong inclination and, at the same time, I felt that God was insistently tugging me in the direction I wanted to go. He was pulling me into the exact spot where I belonged -- where students ask questions and share ideas, where their joys, discouragements, and frustrations are talked about freely, where deep fellowship and communication are possible over a cup of coffee or in a seminar, and where persons who are choosing the Master of their lives and their vocation may come together in a depth relationship of prayer and of worship, a community of meaningfulness. Here has been my special calling and privilege. Working with you people on the Board as politics and business are discussed, struggling and searching with staff and students to know His



Workshop



Seminar



Study




Fellowship

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will in our program, talking with students and sharing with them in fellowship and worship, witnessing students committing their hearts and lives to God while kneeling in a small chapel before a lighted cross: These experiences and many more have been mine to have and to cherish. Despair at its depth, hope at its height, the pinnacle of enjoyment and joy, love manifest in abundance -- these were realities of every day into which we strive to bring God's abiding, sacrificial love and presence. Here present are possibilities for depth human relationships, for getting to the core of what life is all about.

With no trouble at all, I have become longwinded and what I wanted to say was simply "I am grateful to have had a part in this vital work". I have been enriched and stretched while I have been with you and your generosity and dedication will always be remembered. Never have I spent a more meaningful two years and I just wanted you to know.

Gratefully,



Deanna Edwards

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