UTD: End-of-year reflections

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It's time say goodbye to the Baptist Student Ministry at the University of Texas at Dallas, as I complete my time as campus ministry intern. After a whirlwind year, work slowed to a stop with the last few weeks of finals and end-of-the-year activities. And there is much I'll take away from my experience.

Kinsey ClinePrimarily, I am so grateful the Lord blessed the ministry of the BSM at UTD so immensely this year. This was my fifth year to be involved—first as a student and then as a staff member—with the BSM, and the spiritual growth of the group is incredible. Our student leadership team is now larger than the entire membership, or weekly free lunch attendance, when I first arrived at UTD. But it is much more than numbers.

The passion the students have for sharing the gospel, serving their fellow students and walking in Christ's light has grown. Weekly, I heard stories of students reading Scripture with friends and sharing the gospel with strangers, and nothing could have revealed their spiritual growth more.

Along with the students, I feel like this year has allowed me to grow spiritually. It was so vital for me to be disciplined in spending time with the Lord, in the Bible, praying, memorizing Scripture and serving at church, in

order to lead well. It was so important that I be filled with the Spirit each morning before I poured out into the ministry. And I was given the opportunity to help prepare our Wednesday night Bible studies, lead a small group, and occasionally speak in front of the group, which stretched me to dig deep into Scripture. I am very grateful for these opportunities, as they have equipped me for ministry—whether vocational or not—for the rest of my life.

I am excited about what God has planned for the next season of my life, but excited, too, that I will be able to stay connected to my BSM family, praying for them as they go on mission trips this summer and prepare for a new school year.

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