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You Never Know

Dear Pastor,

I was privileged last week to visit the Capitol on three separate days. On Thursday a pastor from the Madison area went with me.

I was reminded that when we spend time doing Great Commission work, you never know how God will use you and how He will use a contact to further His Kingdom work.

What did we do this week in the Capitol? We prayed with two state representatives and with one of the most outspoken liberal/progressive leaders in the state senate. We handed out several "Contradict" gospel tracts to staffers, prayed with a number of staffers, gave out several copies of Lee Strobel's DVD "The Case for Faith," and prayed with one staffer who is grieving the recent death of a sister.

In one office we visited, two staffers were working. One staffer said she didn't want us to pray for her, but her co-worker readily consented to allowing us to pray with him. So we did. In his co-worker's presence. I wonder how God will use that? You never know.

In several cases I asked staffers if they had ever had a pastor stop in their office to pray for the work of their boss or for them. **The answer was always no.**

Was any of this hard to do? Not really. Did it involve a huge commitment of time and resources? No. What impact will it have for time and eternity? You never know.

What we do know is that if we do nothing to touch and impact the lives of these people, then we can fully expect there will be no harvest. Seed sowing and garden tending ALWAYS precede the harvest and are ALWAYS necessary for there to be a harvest in the first place.

I may never know how God uses what we did last week. I'm OK with that. I and my pastor friend did some seed sowing last week. Someone else may do the watering—that could be you by the way! God will give the increase (*Cf.*, I Cor. 3:6-7).

I want pastors from all over our state to have a burden for reaching out to the men and women who serve in Madison, elected officials and their staffers—to answer what I refer to as "the Madisonian call" (*Cf.*, Acts 16:9; I Timothy 2:1-4). You never know how God will use your investment of time in this endeavor; but we can have confidence that our great and good God will use our efforts, albeit in ways this side of eternity that we may never know.

In Christ,

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WFC Church Ambassador

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PS: We are excited to announce that Wisconsin Family Council in partnership with DaySpring Church in Pewaukee is hosting a Supreme Court Candidate Forum as an effort to inform Christians in particular about the state supreme court candidates on the April 7 ballot. The Forum is Monday evening, March 16 at DaySpring Church, from 7-8:30 p.m. More details **HERE**, along with a flyer you can download or share with your church family.



PSS: If you are in the Appleton area, we would love to have you join us this Thursday, March 5th, 6-8 p.m. at The Machine Shed in Appleton. Supper is included; there is no charge for the event. You can find more details and register online HERE.

PPS: The gospel tract title "Contradict: They Can't All Be True" is available at <u>HERE</u>. It is an outstanding gospel tract. Bulk quantities of Lee Strobel's DVDs can be purchased with special pricing as ministry giveaways at <u>HERE</u>.