Letter from Jane

Dear Greg,

My name is (Jane Smith). I was just starting to get involved in the church fellowship when you were called to California. I was so impressed with the few times I heard you teach, but more than anything else I was drawn into the love that the fellowship had for you and each other. To an outsider at the time, like myself, one saw such a deep love that I know was prayerfully developed. The term 'discipleship' was living.

Long after you left, your leadership materials were being used—I was trained by...who were a part of the 'inner circle' that I admired and the Lord used in my life.

After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with degrees in Child Development/Child Care, my husband and I were led to start a Christian Center (in Pennsylvania). The Lord has done miracles step after step in this ministry and we're so excited about it! We started with a pre-school program and now have started a Christian school, adding a grade each year.

We feel that by applying Biblical principles and models that we can minister to families in the area. In any case, because of the model I experienced at Pitt, the Center is focusing on small, quality, long-term relationships with families.

Now, the reason I'm writing—I realize now the commitment you had at Pitt and how much time and effort you so selflessly poured into those guys. I appreciate you and your gifts because *I feel like I am the fruit of your fruit!* And praise the Lord more fruit is being produced! I appreciate your model (Christ's model) because of our ministry, and how easy it is to give yourself out and spread too thin and not accomplish much.

If you ever question the Lord about your work at Pitt—please think of me and know how much the Lord used you there. So...I just wanted to say thanks!

P.S. I guess you will understand this letter—I just pray that someday someone will write to me expressing their faith in our Lord, and that perhaps my obedience was somehow related to their growth.