

J.D. and Ashley Dargai are wonderful additions to the Pure Heart Vision team. J.D. is from Hungary and Ashley is from Texas. The two of them met when Ashley was on a mission trip to Hungary and the two of them are committed to serving God through mission work.

J.D. is a former basketball player who brings the discipline of a fine athlete to the work he completes. He is diligent, conscientious, and dedicated in his work. He is very patient, kind, and sensitive to others with an eye toward detail that are often overlooked by others. He is a meek man who can be intense, focused, and dig deeply when needed. He is a man of courage that does not need to prove that courage.

Ashley loves to write and edit written materials. She is smart, very gifted, and yet willing to take a role of servant. She has a contagious smile that and seems to know just when encouragement to others is most needed. She is courageous and dedicated enough to to step outside her comfort zones while simultaneously maintaining a sense of healthy balance. She carries her load and helps others carry their load.

Both J.D. and Ashley are mature contributors to our work providing coordination, sustainability, and disciplined and paced energy toward our work goals. They provide a stabile movement toward fulfilling our ministry work.



The Center for Spiritual Leadership is a partnership between Pure Heart Vision and Harding University that provides a vehicle for much of Pure Heart Vision's ministries. Harding University has provided an office suite with 1) a conference room for Pure Heart Vision to host working meetings with interns, church leaders, and students; 2) work stations for the interns; 3) and 4) space for an administrative assistant.

The purpose of the Center for Spiritual Leadership is to deepen the leadership capacity of churches by expanding and redefining leadership, providing useful insight that is theologically based, and connecting caregivers with resources that deepen their service.



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"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8

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A Time of Reflection: Our trip to Clinton, Oklahoma

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." Hebrews 12:1



A goal each semester for the Pure Heart Vision team is to take a trip to bless a family or congregation. This semester we were able to do both in our trip to Clinton, Oklahoma. The goals for the trip were to minister to the family of J. Joe Smith, help Randy's family pack up the house of his late grandmother, and make a connection with the local congregation. All of the interns, Caleb's brother Clay, Ryan, Randy and his wife Eva, their son Nate, and Linda Wallingford traveled to Clinton for the weekend of March 25-27.

The group arrived Friday night and met Carolyn Smith, the widow of J. Joe, for dinner at a local Chinese restaurant. According to Kristy, who is the recipient of the Walt Wallingford story, Linda and Carolyn connected to one another instantly, quickly finding similarities between their husbands.

On Saturday after breakfast with Carolyn and some of her family, the group left for the house of the late Lena Willingham, Randy's grandmother. They spent the day packing up boxes, moving things out of the attic, and connecting with his family members who had come to help.

Later that night, Pure Heart Vision hosted a banquet in honor of J. Joe and invited his friends and family, and they were encouraged to share their favorite stories of J. Joe. His influence in so many



Helping Cushing



Pure Heart Vision partnered with Anchor Point Recovery Center and Rimmel Church of Christ as they traveled to Cushing, OK to encourage Cushing Church of Christ by offering a big-impact model for churches in small communities, providing insights for accomplishing meaningful ministry, supplying relevant information for moving their church forward, and connecting them with outside resources. Nancy Tackett, the minister of Rimmel Church of Christ Dr. Lou Butterfield, elder David Bowman, director of Anchor Point Recovery Center Shane Goings, and his wife Cheyenne, and John and Janice Watson also made the trip to Cushing. Janice is the daughter of T.J. and Vauda Golson.

The weekend was set up conference style in which Lou, David, Shane and Cheyenne were able to share their experiences in growing Rimmel and transforming ministry into something purposeful. The congregation is one where T.J. had served as an elder in the past and both a prison and Valley Hope (a rehabilitation center in Cushing) is where Vauda served as a nurse) are in Cushing. So, the connection with the congregation, Anchor Point, Rimmel Church, and Pure Heart Vision was especially meaningful.

Shane Goings was facing a life sentence and his wife, Cheyenne was also facing significant prison time. Shane was a meth dealer and Cheyenne was actually born addicted to Heroin. To hear their stories of life changing salvation and to see them in action effectively helping others with drug addictions was both instructive and inspiring to everyone.



A Time of Reflection, cont.

people's lives was evident, and his legacy passed onto even more people as family and friends were able to hear others' experiences with him. Randy and Linda also shared their personal experiences and urged the Smith family not to let their pain be wasted. Ryan remarked how great it was to use something simple like this dinner to impact the lives of others.

On Sunday morning, the group was able to minister at a local congregation, Custer Avenue Church of Christ, where Carolyn attends. Ryan, Caleb, and J.D. spoke to the youth ministry, and Randy taught an adult Bible class. Randy also gave the sermon that morning explaining the identity of Pure Heart Vision.

When reflecting about the trip, Caleb said that he felt like J. Joe was his grandpa, too. He also said that Carolyn had remarked how he acts like J. Joe, which made Caleb feel even more part of the Smith family. All of the interns mentioned the impact of learning about J. Joe's character, and J.D. even expressed his desire to be

like J. Joe as the kind of father that Carolyn and his daughters described.

As the interns talked about their reflections of the trip, Tiffany said that because of this trip, she could see why the internship was important. She went on to say that she now understood why J. Joe is one of the mentorships and how his life showed her things that she wants in her Christian walk. Tiffany smiled as she said, "I got to see the mentorship in action!"



Meet the Interns

Pure Heart Vision Mentorships are much more than scholarships. They are vehicles by which we simultaneously highlight the lives of men and women who embody what Pure Heart Vision stands for, seek to extend and deepen their influence beyond their own lives, and honor their example. We seek to give young men and women the opportunity to carry out their legacy.

Throughout the past semester, the interns have stretched their arms out to build, to heal, and to handle things such as packing up an old house, figuring out how to bring audio reels into the digital age, and transcribing countless hours of audio and video. The interns are now bringing everything they've experienced to with them as they leave for a very deserved break.



Tiffany is a Speech Pathology major with hippie-long hair and a giggle that brings sunshine into the room. She will return to Harding as a sophomore. Tiffany has been updating Randy's library and contributing to the transcription projects this semester, while helping others with their various projects. She carries the story of T.J. and Vauda Golson, and has connected with their family throughout the semester.



Kristy is a spunky Psychology and Leadership & Ministry major with a knack for capturing everyone's best—and most awkward—moments on camera. She is now a junior at Harding University. This past semester she has contributed to transcription projects, been the designated photographer for events, and updated Pure Heart Vision's contact database. She carries the story of Walt Wallingford, and was able to spend time with Linda during the Clinton trip.



Caleb is also a Speech Pathology major, and he is the ultimate multi-tasker, juggling multiple projects in any particular afternoon. He is now a senior at Harding. Caleb has worked on the

Reel-to-Reel project, tape conversions, transcription projects, and has also provided technical support throughout the semester. Caleb carries the story of J. Joe Smith and was able to celebrate the life of J. Joe during the weekend trip to Clinton, Oklahoma.



J.D. is a Bible & Ministry major and **Ashley** is an English Education major, and they join the team as newlyweds who both bring new perspective to the intern group. They are seniors at Harding. J.D. has digitized an enormous amount of ministry material, updated Flavil Yeakley's library, and made training videos for future interns. Ashley has been a part of the transcription projects by transcribing and editing, and has also handled scheduling for Randy. And Ashley has done editing work such as this newsletter 😊

If you'd like to contact any of the interns, you can go to the Pure Heart Vision web page and click "Identity," and then click on their picture.