

Dear Friends,

**Since this is the season....Consider giving yourself a gift!!!**

Take periodic breaks from holiday activities. Take a walk, meditate or decompress with a good book or hot bath. Most importantly, during this busy time of the year, take time to help someone else. **Trust me; you can't give a better gift to yourself than the gift of helping others.** Consider, if you will, helping NCU students like Bethany and Alex.



Coming from a large family, there was no way **Bethany** could afford to attend NCU, but through generous donations and athletic and academic scholarships, her prayers were answered. Bethany has gone on two mission trips and was one of the first NCU students to study abroad in Spain last year. Traveling alone to a host family she had never met put her faith into action. While in Spain, she had many opportunities to share and give witness to her faith.

Four years at NCU have made a **huge impact** on Bethany's life and her outlook on the world. She is extremely thankful that she was able to attend a university where her **faith** was strengthened in the classroom and chapel and through playing on Christ-

centered athletic teams.

**Alex** is a music ministry major from Billings, Montana. Through his work in campus maintenance and with the help of scholarships, Alex is able to pursue his quest to be a full-time music minister and worship leader. He is the student worship coordinator for all three of the weekly chapel services at NCU, including a student-led evening service, in which **he oversees 30-40 students involved in the worship team.**



**Won't you consider giving yourself the satisfying and rewarding gift of helping others who truly need your help?** A gift benefiting NCU students like Bethany and Alex is a gift that will keep on giving many times over. Thank you for your consideration in this and thank you for your past support of NCU that has already made an impact in the lives of many students.

Wishing you all the blessings of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Merry Christmas!*

*David Wilson*

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