

# New Beginnings

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### i·life Semester Wrap-up Stress & Baptisms

As the days grow warmer, we grow closer to the end of the school year. The weeks between Spring Break and Final Exams always seem to fly by.

Students are making preparations for summer internships or time away at Leadership Training, while others register for summer classes. Campus is in a state of transition and with that comes a heightened level of stress and lack of sleep. The last of the exams, projects, and labs are coming due and many of the students we work with are feeling the deadline crunch.

Apart from the stress, this time of year brings baptisms. We hold a baptism service twice a year; in the spring it always coincides with the last weekend service of the school year coupled with a celebration lunch. During this time we reflect on what God has done in our midst this past year, hear testimonies and baptize those that have made a decision to follow Christ. Then we celebrate!

Now is the time of year when we're having conversations about baptism and challenging our students to make that public proclamation of faith. Pray with us for these conversations and for students to take that step.

### Collegiate Staff Conference A National Movement

Last week was the Collegiate Staff Conference — a gathering for the network of churches we work with. It's a special time for Reliant Missionaries focused on reaching college students.

This year the theme was Re:Union, and it was fitting as these times often feel like a family reunion. For 3 days we get a chance to reconnect with our peers from all across the country serving on campuses as far away as Texas A&M and University of Pittsburgh.

There is a camaraderie born out of faithfully serving the Lord on college campuses all across the country. Our geographic locations may be different, but our heart and passion for reaching students unites us. These gatherings have been a major encouragement and boost to our spirits over the years, this one included.

For a number of years we've been collectively working on a goal of planting churches on college campuses, asking God to provide teams and resources to reach 25 churches by 2020. This past week we recognized 2 new church plants that were established in the past year, bringing us to 22 churches. We're waiting expectantly for God to raise up and bless those last 3 and beyond in the coming years.

### Prayer Requests

- We're currently at 83% of our needed monthly support, covering salary and cost of ministry.
- For additional monthly support.
- Safe travels for Nick and for their marriage while they spend so much time apart.
- For a great end to the school year and more baptisms.

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