

New Beginnings

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Spring Break Updates

Today was the first official work day for our 2 Spring Break teams. We were excited to have two mission trip options to offer students this year.

On Sunday, a team of **12** loaded into cars and made the drive to **Memphis, TN** to work with Service Over Self (SOS), a long ministry partner of Illini Life. We're staffing two teams working on urban home repair in inner city Memphis. The goal of this trip is to bring the message of hope through Jesus Christ while meeting real physical needs in the communities SOS serves.

On Saturday, a team of **22** loaded into cars to make the 2 day drive to **Houston, TX** to join with the Eight Days of Hope initiative (eightdaysofhope.com). They'll be living and serving with thousands of volunteers helping in the ongoing relief work after Hurricane Harvey this past fall. Several on this team have personal or family connections to Houston and felt the weight of loss this year.

The Spring semester has been off to a great start. Nick worked closely with a few others to teach through the book of 1 Peter in 6 weeks. The message of hope in the face of trials was a deep encouragement to many in our midst.

Parenting Adventures Nathan

As you may have seen in our New Year's card, we welcomed Nathan to our family on December 18th. Which makes him 3 months old at the time of this writing.

His arrival was fairly quick and without complications; however, 24 hours after delivery we were in the NICU with him and remained there for 5 days as they helped him clear his lungs and breathe on his own and clear his jaundice. Thank you to all of you who prayed for his quick recovery and health.

He has continued to gain weight and grow and in general is a healthy, happy, baby boy.

Mom and Dad are doing well but still adjusting to regularly waking in the middle of the night to feed and care for him. He has been such a joy to get to know, and in the past several weeks he's begun to find his voice, laughing, and "talking" to us.

While our students are fellow staff are out on Spring Break trips, we are home on campus with Nathan continuing our work and preparations for the remainder of the school year.

Prayer Requests

- We're currently at 89% of our needed monthly support, covering salary and cost of ministry.
- For our Spring Break trips to be fruitful and Christ centered.
- Praise God for our healthy baby boy.
- For continued adjustment to being new parents.

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