

New Beginnings

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i-life Fall Semester Fall Retreat & More

So much has happened since we last wrote you it's hard to know what to focus on. We've had a great start to the school year with Illini Life here at U of I. Beginning back on August 22nd with a "mission trip to campus" through our Fall Retreat last weekend our focus has been on meeting as many new students as possible.

We've held a volleyball tournament, trivia night, kickball tournament, house parties, photo scavenger hunt, game nights, and our annual fall retreat. All this alongside our regular small groups, Friday coffee outreach, and Sunday service. It has been a blast, and we're so thankful for the new relationships God has blessed us with through these efforts.

The student small group we attend has had 4 new girls coming around regularly and a few guys periodically. We hope you'll pray with us for these new students to feel at home in our church community and to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus.

Nick worked with a team to pull together our Fall Retreat again this year and was really encouraged by the turn out and response. Overwhelmingly we heard from students that they really enjoyed the

retreat and were challenged by the teachings. The 136 people in attendance (26 new students) heard three messages from the book of Ephesians. Our speaker, Marcellus Casey, shared about how the heart of God is for racial reconciliation and that begins with a foundation of The Gospel.

Nick has been overseeing our Sunday morning teaching content this semester and is leading us through a 7 part series on Jesus in the Gospel of John. Each week we've been looking at one of Jesus "I AM" statements to see more of who Jesus is.

Amy kicked off a discipleship group last night with 4 girls. Each week they'll meet to discuss scripture, share their lives, see where God is challenging them, and pray for one another.

We're enjoying a full and fruitful season of ministry this Fall. Thank you for all your do to make this work possible!

Family Update

We are so thankful our little guy is so social. As much as we can tell he is an extrovert — loving to be out meeting students on campus with us and smiling at whoever he can. We're learning our limits as a family, but desire to be as involved in campus focused work together as possible. Many of our students want to hold him, play with him, or babysit — it has been such an encouragement to us.

Prayer Requests

- We're currently at 87% of our needed monthly support, covering salary and cost of ministry
- For our student small group to continue to grow
- That our teaching series on Jesus would cause those far from Him to draw near and make a decision for Christ.

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