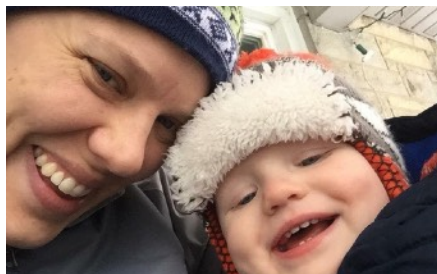


# New Beginnings

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## Nick & Amy Modrzejewski

Missionaries on the campus of University of Illinois with Illini Life Christian Fellowship

### i-life Spring Semester Preaching & More

Hello! We hope this finds you well as we look to March's arrival and hopefully warmer temperatures.

The spring semester is in full swing here at Illinois, with students beginning to prepare for midterm exams in a few weeks and dreaming of Spring Break just around the corner.

With a shorter winter break than usual we barely felt like we caught our breath from holiday travels before Nick was back preaching for our kick-off service in mid-January. He continues to oversee Illini Life's preaching content and to coach the teachers on our staff team. We're currently in the middle of a 7 week series teaching through the book of James.

Each week we invite small group leaders to take their groups through the passage we'll be preaching on ahead of time. It has been so fruitful to have them engage in discussion ahead of time and then address common questions that arise. Small group Bible study in the dorms is a highlight of the week for Nick & Amy.

Amy has continued her work discipling a group of girls who are now leading our Thursday night small group Bible Study. We're so encouraged by their desire to follow Jesus and impact others for the Kingdom.

### Season of Pruning Goodbyes & Hellos

The past few years and most notably the past 6 months have been a deep season of pruning in Illini Life.

Over the past 2 years we have said goodbye to two pastors, a senior staff woman, and a young woman who recently joined our missionary team. It has been with much heartache that we've parted with so many dear friends.

All of these individuals are headed off to other ministry opportunities, some together, some separately. One couple is joining a missional church in Minneapolis, others are starting a community focused house church in the Champaign-Urbana area.

Over the past years it had become clear that God was leading some of our team to do ministry differently, and in a different missions field. The 7 of us that remain in Illini Life are more dedicated to the mission to reach campus than ever before. We are still focused on making fully devoted disciples of Jesus out of college students!

In all this turnover, Nick has continued to pursue being recognized as a pastor with the Collegiate Church Network in Illini Life. His ordination is set for early March.

### Prayer Requests

- We're currently at 88% of our needed monthly support, covering salary and cost of ministry
- For our student small group to continue to grow
- For Nick's upcoming ordination as a pastor in Collegiate with Illini Life.

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