New Beginnings



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A Look Back Easter, A Full School Year

Just a few weeks ago we celebrated The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior - Easter, the empty tomb, the event that forever transformed history and our lives. Amy and I were on campus with the students that remained for the weekend.

Each year Illini Life has a tradition of holding Easter service in the heart of campus. We gather outside in the Krannert Amphitheater just off the main quad. We worship, share in communion and remember the death and resurrection. Afterward we gather at a home in the community for a major feast and continued fellowship.

As Easter passed we moved quickly into the end of the school year. Students are currently taking finals and will be leaving for their summer plans in just a few days. The other day some of my fellow missionaries met with over 40 students to discuss leading bible studies in the dorms this coming year. We're hopeful God will raise up enough leaders to have 10 groups!

As we wrap things up for this year we're beginning to prepare for the slower pace of summer school and summer services while looking ahead and preparing for the next school year and over 8,000 new freshmen to meet. Many of my co-laborers will be taking time this summer to raise additional support. I hope you'll pray not only for Amy and I but for God's provision for all those who labor with us to make Christ known here at U of I.



Back On Campus Baptisms

In Illini life we call our final large-group gathering for the year Quad Grace. On the main quad on Saturday afternoon we have a brief teaching, open mic time and worship. Each year we say goodbye to our graduating seniors, pray over them and ask God to watch over them as they make this next major life transition.

We do the same for all those heading off on summer projects and missions trips.

One of my favorite parts of Quad Grace is baptisms. We offer baptism once a semester, but this one is always special. It's a celebration of life as we watch our brothers and sisters publicly proclaim their commitment to Christ. This Quad Grace, Amy and I are excited to see 6 students take this step, 2 of whom we have worked with directly.

Prayer Requests

- We're at 55% of our monthly support goal. ◎
- Nick would meet new people who are excited to hear our story (very critical at this point).
- That God would provide 35 new financial partners to get us back to campus for the start of the new school year.
- Spiritual health of our students that head off to all corners of the country and world this summer.





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