

New Beginnings

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Mid-Summer Reflection

Wow, the month of June flew by! We're writing from the road this summer as we travel the Chicago area catching up with current GCM ministry partners and meeting new people who are interested in partnering with GCM on behalf of our work at U of I. Our biggest need has been to connect with new people who are interested in the Gospel going out on campus.

During Nick's downtime, he has continued his training to complete a full Ironman in November of this year. Along the way, it has been really fun for Nick to train with his dad and twin brother for a half Ironman in Racine, WI on July 15th. Time spent with family training, racing, and less athletically, strawberry picking, has been an added blessing to our location this summer.

While we are living the nomadic life around the Chicago suburbs, our students have settled into summer routines in a variety of settings. Some of our students stayed in Champaign to take classes and work summer jobs. They have been attending Illini Life's summer church service and small groups. Many went home for internships in the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis areas and are either reconnecting with the church from their high school days

or are looking for places to plug in spiritually in their hometown for the first time. Two students from our Home Fellowship joined a team of 15 heading out to Colorado for GCM's Leadership Training program. While the wild fires raged in cities nearby, our students and staff have remained safe in Estes Park (several miles away). Please pray that our students, regardless of locale or situation, would connect deeply with their Creator this summer and return to campus refreshed and eager to reach others with the life altering news of new life in Christ.

A highlight of our summer has been the chance to reconnect as a couple as we travel together. During the school year, Amy's job in the local schools and both of our ministry roles with students can often lead to long hours apart. Now that Amy is on summer break from her job, we are excited to be traveling together. It has been a blessing to be working side by side each day and spending our non-work hours training together (running, biking, swimming) and spending quality time with one another. We believe that building our marriage and strengthening our relationship with each other and with God is as important to our longevity in ministry as any training, preparation, or financial support. Pray God continues to use this summer to draw us close together and to Him.

Prayer Requests

- We're at 61% of our overall monthly support with GCM and trusting God to raise a significant amount in new support this Summer.
- Pray for our students' (and our) spiritual growth this summer; that we all would return to campus in August excited for a new school year and meeting new students to share new life in Jesus Christ with.



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