

New Beginnings

May 2013

Nick & Amy Modrzejewski

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



Semester's End Senior Send-off

The smell of freshly cut grass, the warmth of the sun, and saying goodbyes - all indicators for a campus missionary that the summer has arrived. Final exams just ended a few days ago, followed by graduation weekend.

become fully committed members. We pray their passion for Christ continues and they become magnets of the faith for co-workers and peers - leading and influencing the 20-somethings in your communities.

On the back we've included a heartfelt goodbye from Emily, a girl Amy met with regularly and nurtured into a fully devoted follower of Christ.

Summer Support Raising Our Need

It's a time of celebration around Champaign-Urbana, but it's also a time for goodbyes. The majority of students leave for the summer; to jobs, internships or simply home to recover from the school year. For a number of students it's just a summer reprieve, yet for roughly a quarter of them, it's a final goodbye as they move on to the workplace and the next phase of adulthood.

This Summer, like most, we'll be traveling to raise additional financial support. We hope to get a chance to see many of you and thank you face-to-face for your generous prayers and giving to GCM on our behalf.

This year we sent off 8 graduating seniors from our Home Fellowship, all to jobs or graduate schools elsewhere. With a few tears, lots of hugs and words of encouragement we sent off our dear friends. This group in-particular has been harder for us to see leave. There are guys Nick has discipled for all 4 years of their undergrad and girls Amy has done the same with.

Currently we need **30** new financial partners to be at a point this coming year where we can be freed up full-time to make disciples on the U of I campus. We're also, Lord willing, intending to start a family this year - increasing our projected financial need.

one is a young lady who came to know Christ while here in our church and care.

The biggest ways you can help meet this need are to continue your partnership with GCM on our behalf and continue to pray for us, the campus and our students.

It's with joy though that we send these students off to continue their journey into adulthood and maturity in Christ. We send them to Churches like yours with the hopes they serve and bless your communities as they

Additionally, we'd love for you to consider increasing your monthly giving if you're in a place to do so and to let us know of any individuals we could share our ministry with and who might consider partnering with us.

Prayer Requests

Phone

Email

Online

www.nicknamy.net

Twitter

@modrzeje @AmyVanMod

Where We Live

- We're at 70% of our overall monthly support.
- For our seniors to transition well into the working world, grad school and beyond.
- For 30 new financial partners enabling us to be fully freed up to do ministry this next school year.



REACHING STUDENTS AT ILLINOIS AND BUILDING GENUINE, LOVING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



Thanks for being so welcoming to me when I first started coming to I-Life and mostly for making Champaign my home away from home these past 2 years. There have been times when it was really hard to have my family so far away, and I don't think I would have managed it half as well if I didn't have you guys here. At different times you've listened to my struggles with life and with God, and you've helped me to realize that it's ok to have these struggles sometimes and to share them with others. I've learned that there are a lot of great things about community, as well as some not so good, but that God can use all of them in amazing ways we could never predict. You've all been such great friends to me and helped me grow in so many ways, I appreciate it more than I can say.

Somehow I didn't realize until the end of Home Fellowship last night that it is actually the end of my senior year. That this was my last ever Home Fellowship with all of you and I won't be here in the fall to do fun beginning of the year things again. Somehow it really hadn't hit me until then and it made me really sad! I've moved a lot throughout my life, but it really does get harder every time to leave the people you love and I can tell already that this is going to be the hardest transition yet.

Thank you for caring about me, and about each other. Thank you for making our Home Fellowship a place to call "home." Thank you for showing me what community is, and thank you for helping me to continue learning what it means to be a Christian.

Love,
Emily