

New Beginnings

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

i·life Champaign Summer Summer Church

Time sure goes by fast, it seems like just the other day we were writing you to let you know about Brianna's baptism, the end of the semester and beginning of Summer School and ministry here at U of I.

This week marks our 5th week of Summer services with Nick coordinating all our teachings and gatherings. In his role as Summer Church Overseer, Nick has been teaching a lot and coaching our other speakers for our weekly large group gathering, focusing on the topic, "Community Matters." Amy, always helpful and eager to bring people together, has been helping coordinate book study groups for the students, recent grads and young families around this Summer. She's reading through Spirit of the Disciplines by Dallas Willard with a group of 6 others.

Apart from small groups and our large group service, folks are gathering for weekly BBQs, Ultimate Frisbee and other community-building events. This past weekend we hosted a game night at our place on Saturday night. We enjoyed playing board games and catching up with one another outside our normal routines.

We also continue to lead very active lives, swimming, biking and running often. Recently we joined some of Nick's family and some of our friends for an epic bike ride near Madison, WI. This annual ride is called Horribly Hilly Hundreds and that describes it fairly well. We rode quite a distance on pretty hilly terrain. These athletic pursuits continue to allow us to build relationships with individuals outside the church here in Champaign, helping us connect with students and graduates outside our Christian bubble with the hopes of being influencers for Christ.

Support Needs Giving to GCM

While we're located in Champaign throughout most of the Summer this year we're still hoping to raise some additional support in an effort to replace support that was lost this past school year and continue on toward being fully funded.

Our current support need is \$1,125 in monthly giving to GCM. This would ensure Nick gets paid his full salary and we aren't shorted pay each month. We'd love to talk with you about either increasing your giving, considering starting to give or helping us meet others to partner with us in reaching U of I for Christ.

Prayer Requests

- We're at 76% of our overall monthly support. :-)
- For \$1,125 in additional monthly support
- For more opportunities for Nick and Amy to reach out to the athlete and fitness community here in Champaign.
- That Summer Church would go well here at U of I and Nick would be encouraged and stretched in this new ministry role.

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