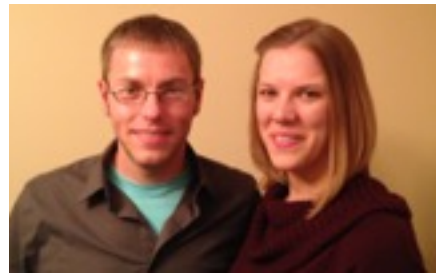


New Beginnings

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Spring Semester Developing Leaders

We're just over three weeks into the Spring Semester here at U of I and things are in full swing. We began the semester with a teaching series on Sunday mornings about Leadership - "Leaders Wanted, no perfect people need apply." We discussed three areas a leader needs to develop - knowledge, skills, and character. On the heels of that series we're launching a six week class on Thursday nights called Leadership Lab (LL). In LL we'll cover those three topics again with more practicals for college students and cap off the class with a training on how to share The Gospel.

What's driving this need for leadership development? GROWTH. We've had an encouraging year of building new friendships and sharing Jesus with this campus through our Home Fellowships, Connect Groups, and Free Coffee Tent. The result has been greater numbers of students across the board at all our services and events. It's an exciting time in Illini Life and for us; yet we feel the need more than ever to develop additional leaders and influencers. More students to lead Bible Studies, lead worship, meet students, and share about Jesus.

In our Home Fellowship we're regularly seeing 20-30 people on a Tuesday night - and we're not the only Home Fellowship in that boat. While we're thankful God has chosen to bless us with a growing ministry this year, it has Nick and his co-directors strategizing about how better to develop leaders for the influx in these groups throughout the church. If these Fellowships continue to grow, they'll need to multiply to stay healthy.

As a church we're praying God would raise up 20 new leaders this Spring to help care for, disciple, and shepherd the individuals in our midst. Would you join us in praying for new leaders as well?

Personal News Praying for children

On a more personal note than we usually share here, we wanted to invite you all as our partners in ministry, friends, and family to pray for us in a non-ministry related matter.

Some of you know we have been trying to start a family for quite some time now. Family planning and fertility can be hard subjects to share about, but they have been on our hearts and saturating our prayer lives for awhile now. Would you pray God would bless us with a child, and if not that He would grant us the peace to accept where He has us?

Prayer Requests

- We're at 79% of our overall monthly support. :-)
- Additional monthly support so we might be fully funded and focused on the work God has for us here.
- For 20 new leaders in Illini Life this Spring
- To be able to start a family of our own.

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