### **New Beginnings**





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#### Spring Break Updates

Today marked the end of Spring Break at U of I, as classes resume and students flock back to campus, we're excited to update you on the two Spring Break service projects Illini Life engaged in.

A team of 8 students returned to Memphis, TN to work with Service Over Self doing home repair. We have been working with S.O.S. for a number of years and love their heart to care for those in need in Memphis and to share Jesus with them. Our team did some roofing work on a home of an elderly women.

Another team of 11 stayed local to work in the Champaign-Urbana community. They partnered with a local ministry **Restoration Urban Ministries**. R.U.M. is a Christian non-profit serving the needy in our area. We've had a chance to do service projects with them in the past and love the work they're doing. Our team worked with a local contractor who donated materials to replace the siding of a home R.U.M. will be using for single women and families in transition.

We love that so many students chose to live sacrificially and devote their Spring Break to helping those in need.

### Campus Life A Tragedy

Recently, at U of I, students participated in the 21st annual Unofficial St. Patrick's Day. **Unofficial** (for short) was started by bar owners who were missing out on revenue since St Patrick's Day fell over Spring Break. So they started a new "celebration."

The past few years, we've invited ours students to go and pass out water to participants in Unofficial. We think it's a great way to show that we are a church for our campus. Even if we don't always agree with individual's choices.

This year about 20 students jumped in to meet a tangible need for their over-indulgent peers.

Tragically, though, this year, Unofficial took a turn for the worse, when a student died after falling off of a balcony just before midnight. At that time, our students were out at 3 locations handing out water.

This is why we're here. Our campus needs Jesus and we are so humbled that we have the opportunity to be people who preach his name and help disciple students to follow Him.

Please pray for the family and friends of this student.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- We're currently at 80% of our needed monthly support, covering salary and cost of ministry.
- For additional monthly support.
- Safe travels for Nick and for their marriage while they spend so much time apart.
- For campus life to be safe for all students.





