

New Beginnings

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i·life Spring Semester Teaching & Freshmen

Hello! We hope this finds you well and warm. We have been enduring single digit windchills here in central Illinois the last few days and are ready for warmer days, walks on the Quad, and picnic lunches after Sunday Service again. Despite the cold, the spring semester is off to a great start here at U of I.

We have been studying through the book of 1st Timothy in our Small Groups and Nick has been leading our Sunday teachings focusing on Paul's guidance to Timothy for building a healthy church. We're looking at how we can strive to be the same here in Illini Life. In a few weeks we will be finished with 1 Timothy and shift our focus to the Servant Songs in Isaiah as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Finally, to wrap-up the school year we'll do an overview of Esther, Nehemiah, and Ezra as we learn about the post-exilic period of Israel's history. Nick has been excitedly shaping these teachings for awhile and working with a few other teachers to share the teaching load.

Not all our time is spent on teaching content. Recently we gathered our freshmen for "cookies with staff" as Nick and the staff team spent the evening hanging out and getting to know our freshmen class from across our 4 small groups, many of whom hadn't gotten a chance to

meet each other yet. Our desire is to help these young students build a strong community of peers to follow Jesus with. We'll continue these gatherings monthly through the spring semester.

Lastly, with the start of the semester came the launch of our plans for a Spring Break Missions Trip. We'll be returning to Memphis, TN to partner with Service Over Self (SOS), a longterm partner in ministry and a key worker in the racially divided community of Memphis. We look forward to sharing more about that trip later this semester.

Thanks for your partnership with Reliant on our behalf, making all this work possible. We're excited to continue to influence students for Jesus here at U of I and couldn't do it without you.

Growing Family Growing Needs

As we've shared in past letters, we still remain under funded and hope to connect with more of you over the coming months to catch-up and share about or support need. If you'd like to begin giving to Reliant on our behalf we'd love to talk with you about that!

Prayer Requests

- For our freshmen class to build community and support one another in their faith.
- For planning and preparation for our Spring Break mission trip to Memphis, TN with S.O.S.
- For an additional \$600 in monthly support.

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