

New Beginnings

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Spring Is Here Missions & Finishing Well

Hello All!

As we write it is a beautiful spring day in Champaign. We just got our son off to bed after playing outside all afternoon and evening (with a brief pause for dinner). Campus is alive with activity; frisbees, hammocks, and runners are everywhere. Spring is here!

Just over a week ago, campus returned from Spring Break, marking this the final push of the school year. In ministry we think of this as the 4th quarter. It is time to look for apprentice leaders and prepare them for leading Bible Studies in the coming year. Also, we prepare to thank and send off our graduating students. Finally, we recover from Spring Break missions work and regroup for Summer Leadership Development. There is a lot going on in this final segment of the year.

Speaking of Spring Break, our trip to Memphis, TN to work with S.O.S. was a great success. Nick took a team of 14 to work on urban home repair and sharing Jesus with the community there. With the pandemic shutdown this was the first time we've had a missions trip in 4 years - which is an eternity in a campus church! Nick's primary goal for our church was to re-envision them for gospel-centered mission work. That vision was caught

wholeheartedly. You can read more about that in the additional letter we are including this month.

As we move through this final quarter of the school year we are preparing to send students off to Leadership Training (LT) in Estes Park, CO for the summer. Right now we have 3 students committed to going, with 3 more considering it. Historically these summers have been incredible times of growth in faith and devotion to Jesus for our students. We invite you to pray with us for the Lord to lead more students to attend LT this summer and to return more eager to follow Jesus in their college years and influence their peers to do likewise.

In all this we desire to cooperate with the work the Lord has been doing this year and to finish the school year well.

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 our 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

- Praise God for a great Spring Break missions trip to Memphis, TN with S.O.S.
- Pray for students to decide to commit their summer to growing in faith and leading their peers to Jesus through attending LT.
- For an additional \$400 in monthly support.

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