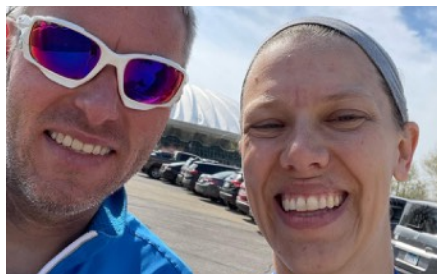


# New Beginnings

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Missionaries on the campus of University of Illinois with Illini Life Christian Fellowship



### Celebration! Semester Wrap-up

Hello All!

Today marks the last day of final exams for the Spring semester. Graduation ceremonies and celebrations punctuate the next several days as campus grows quiet. The past two weeks in Illini Life have focused on celebrating. Celebrating what God has done in our lives as well as through our lives this year.

Small groups took time to reflect and give thanks as a community. Nick led the staff through similar times and a chance to celebrate the successful completion of the ministry internships for our 4 interns. Next, we pulled together our 12 student and volunteer small group leaders and honored them for serving the Lord with us and praised God together for our growing small group population. We gathered with our 11 graduating students and offered final words of encouragement and wisdom for the next phase of life. Finally, we gathered this past Sunday for service and baptisms. We've come to call this service Celebration Sunday and celebrating the work of the Lord is the focus. What better way to do that than baptize 6 people who have professed faith in Jesus after hearing their stories of God's power in their lives.

We are so thankful for all that the Lord has accomplished here this year and grateful to be part of that work. Thanks for your partnership in making it all possible.

For the next few weeks campus will remain fairly empty while we wait for summer classes to begin. Coinciding with that we'll begin our traditional mid-week summer service. We look forward to chances to meet incoming graduate students, and incoming freshmen this summer at the University's New Student Programs. As well, we'll be engaging with those remaining here for the summer through our weekly service, weekly cookouts, and fun events like ultimate frisbee on the quad, pool parties, and bonfires. Last summer God blessed our work by helping us build strong connections with believers and those still searching; we pray this happens again.

We invite you to pray with us for the Lord to prepare us and Illini Life for the season of ministry ahead.

### Growing Family Growing Needs

As we've shared in past letters, we still remain underfunded 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 the 6 people who chose to demonstrate their faith through baptism.
- Pray that God would prepare us and Illini Life as a whole for the ministry ahead this Summer and next Fall.
- For an additional monthly support.

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