

# New Beginnings

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### Summer Church Leadership Training

Hello!

We hope this finds you well as the summer continues along. Summer classes are in full-swing here at U of I, and incoming students have begun their campus visits and orientations. As a family we've shifted into summer mode with school wrapping up and summer camps and vacation bible school happening.

A few weeks ago we had a chance to visit both our students and those from across Collegiate attending Leadership Training (LT) out at Estes Park, CO. For 5 days we made the Rocky Mountains our home as we got a "refresh" on the LT program. Amy and Nick met for the first time 18 years ago at Estes Park LT and haven't been back since. It was a great time to visit with other campus staff, their families, our student leaders, and to be refreshed.

On our way home from that trip we stopped off in Boulder, CO for Nick to race a half-ironman triathlon and enjoy one more day in the mountains. The kids did an amazing job handling the cross country trip, but we are all very thankful to be home.

Before our Colorado trip, we kicked off Summer church services here in Illini Life. This summer we have 30-40

people around. We're meeting weekly for a worship service, have two different small group offerings, and are gathering for cookouts, birthday celebrations, game nights, and bonfires.

Nick has the church digging into the book of Philippians this summer as we work through that each week in service and bible study discussion. Our core focus is on keeping our lives centered on Christ and not letting our circumstances deter or discourage our faith.

As June draws to a close we are beginning to plan and prepare for the fall semester. In a few weeks our staff team will gather from near and far to continue planning for events and new student outreach and checking in with one another spiritually. Nick's prayer and focus for the staff this summer is that they would be united in Christ and on mission together, being refreshed and filled with the Spirit as we begin fall outreach. We invite you to pray for that with us.

### 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

- Pray for the Lord to encourage and strengthen us all as we dig into Philippians this summer.
- Pray the Illini Life staff team would be united, refreshed, and filled with the Spirit for fall outreach.
- For an additional \$600 in monthly support.

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