

New Beginnings

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Fall Retreat Outreach & Teaching

Hello!

We hope this finds you well as October draws to a close. The semester is speeding right along here at Illinois and we're excited to be part of what God is doing. Just a few weeks ago a little over 100 students and staff from Illini Life and our sister church at Illinois State University gathered for our annual Fall Retreat. Our focus for the weekend was on spiritual disciplines, with a desire to grow in our understanding and intimacy with the Lord. It was a huge success.

One of the students who came, Noah, had been invited at our weekly coffee tent only three hours before the retreat started! He's a regular visitor to our coffee tent on Fridays. He didn't have much of a church community beforehand, though he has been following Jesus for a while. On Saturday night, Nick led a time for reflection around a bonfire. Everyone was invited to share what they had been learning and were hearing from God over the course of the weekend. Noah shared that the retreat deepened his understanding that all he needed was Jesus. He knew that he wanted to be all-in for Christ and that he needed to focus on his relationship with Jesus. Praise God for Noah's growing understanding of the Gospel and salvation through Christ alone.

Back on campus one of our young staff that Nick is coaching met a student, Alejandro, who had just about every faith question you could imagine. Peter, the staff member, patiently listened and answered Alejandro's questions and invited him to begin studying the Gospel of John together. Alejandro agreed and is continuing to find his faith questions answered in Jesus. Pray he places his faith in Christ and is saved!

Amidst all this we are studying the book of Revelation as a church, focusing on the letters to the seven churches found in chapters 2&3. Each week we're asking God to show us ways we need to grow as individual Jesus followers, and ways we need to grow as a church body. It's been an exciting and encouraging series as we consistently are reminded of the hope we have in Jesus, that God wins in the end and evil will one day be overcome for good.

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. Thank you to those of you who have increased your giving recently. 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 Noah as he continues to grow in his faith and connect with our community.
- Pray Alejandro to come to faith in Jesus.
- For an additional \$940 in monthly support.

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