



MARCH/APRIL 2021

The hope for a future I wasn't entirely sure would happen.

That's what I was thinking as I stood in the back of a *large room filled with students. I felt my eyes prickle with tears as I looked at the freshmen women I am just beginning to get to know. It was good. Very good. So very, very good to see a room full of students again!

Two weeks ago, we hosted our first "Spring Conference." At this one-day event, students got to gather with other students, hear our staff teach from the Bible, and hear a vision for evangelism on their campuses and going on a Summer Mission.



As I've said before, students were *starving* for interaction, friendships, and teaching that didn't occur over Zoom or a phone call. We believe the Lord used this event in some pretty significant ways, not the least of which was some friendships struck up between freshmen students.

Thank you again so much for being a part of what God is having us do here in Southeast Ohio and for praying for us during this unique (and somewhat difficult) time.

Yours in Christ,

Clay + Emily

*For the sake of transparency, this event was a "COVID Safe" event in which we socially distanced, required masks, and limited contact.



FAMILY UPDATE

There is not much to update, fortunately. Collectively as a family, we have all remained healthy and safe. The return of warm weather has enabled some more playdates for Elliott, to his great joy. We are still limited in our ability to access childcare, and thus have continued the madness of juggling childcare and our ministry work. We would appreciate your prayers as we try to navigate exactly when and how (and with whom!) to access childcare for our boys.



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for a successful Spring Conference!
- Praise God Clay and I have received our first dose of the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine. (Ohio has had a really fast roll-out.) We are praising the Lord that we were able to stay healthy long enough to get this!
- Praise God for the His continued blessing our ministry during this time.
- Pray for the fruit of Spring Conference: Changed lives, students who share their faith on campus, and more students choosing to attend a Summer Mission.
- Pray for our Summer Assignment. We have been assigned to Chicago Summer Mission, where Clay is on the Leadership Team as the Evangelism coordinator, and I will (hopefully) be discipling students. Pray for safety, wisdom in how to proceed, that we'd abide with the Lord, and abundant fruit.