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*"What would happen if we asked our almighty God, who can do the impossible, to actually do the impossible? Let's start asking him to do the impossible."*

These were the words of Carson, one of our sophomore student leaders on Ohio University's main campus. Carson had the privilege of speaking at our Pass the Baton celebration. This is a special event when every year, we celebrated our new student leaders, those who have said that they want to be disciples of Jesus who make disciples. We end the night by giving them a green baton, like one you'd see in a relay race, and encouraging them to run the race of faith. We had the privilege of seeing nearly 30 new student leaders there last Friday, ready to accept the challenge of running the race and bringing others along with them.



While Carson just became one of those new student leaders this past spring, he has grabbed his baton and, in my estimation, has been sprinting with it. Carson regularly seeks to share the gospel with people he meets on campus. He leads a Bible study where young men dive into God's word and seek to know who He is. Not only that, but more than 30 guys have regularly attended his study this semester! On top of that, he has regularly met with underclassmen during his free time to help them grow in their relationship with God.



I (Clay) cannot begin to tell you how encouraging it was to hear Carson, someone who has seen God do incredible things through him, encourage others to ask God for more. I know that God has used Carson and many others like him this year on our campus and will continue to do so in these final few weeks. Please pray with me that God would do the impossible in the lives of our students and on our campuses. For as Jesus says in Mark 10:27, "All things are possible with God."

Yours in Christ,

Clay + Emily

\*Name changed for his privacy

# FAMILY UPDATE

It's been a busy couple of months for all of us! I (Clay) had the privilege of speaking at West Virginia Cru's worship meeting as a guest and bringing a student with me. It was a ton of fun to get to meet new students and support a Cru movement in our Cohort in a small way. I also traveled with our students to Gatlinburg, TN for our spring break trip. While there, we memorized and internalized stories from the life of Jesus and got to share them over 200 times! It was an incredible time of fellowship, spiritual development, and many students shared their faith for the first time.

Em and I have been preparing for the Athens Half Marathon that takes place in a couple of weeks. We've been thankful for a mostly mild winter so that we were able to train largely without interruption.

Elliott and Judah have both been doing well also. Judah has been repeating everything we say and really becoming his own little person as he says and does new things all the time! We're trying to get them 1,000 hours of "outside time" this year and so far we are largely on pace to do just that!

Lastly, we have just begun taking Elliott to a speech therapist and have a future set of appointments set up with a child psychiatrist to give him the support he needs so that he can behaviorally and socially develop the skills that have been a struggle for him. Please continue to pray for Elliott, that the doctors and therapists would be able to assess him appropriately and develop a plan for him in the coming months. He is finally starting to make some new friends at school and playing with other kids on the playground, and we really feel that is a direct result of your prayers! He's also finally begun articulating his feelings and expressing interest in God and spiritual ideas, something he was never able to do before. He is a delight and we are grateful for your prayers and support.



## PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue to pray for Ricky, the student from our last prayer letter. Clay and Ricky continue to meet regularly to study the Bible. Praise God for that!
- Please pray for all of the new student leaders we just "passed the baton" to. Pray for their spiritual growth and development over the summer.

Please especially pray that they wouldn't fall back in to sinful habits over the summer when back at home.

- Pray for our team as we work on developing plans for next year, (It's that time again already!) Please pray that the Holy Spirit would guide us to be effective and faithful.