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Do you ever have that moment where you realize you have forgotten to pray about something that is really important?

This was the state that I (Clay) found myself in last week. It's amazing how something so essential to the Christian life can become so easily forgotten.



Things had started to slow down as the school year has settled into a rhythm. I had been continuing to text and call students I had not yet met who had filled out questionnaires, but had received literally no responses for roughly a week and a half. I was getting frustrated and worrying that I wasn't doing enough.

While I was sitting in the student center coffee shop, I felt convicted about something that would normally seem so obvious that it would be unnecessary. I realized that I had not prayed for these students I was reaching out to over the last week and a half. While my prayer life at home had recently felt very rich, I was forgetting to trust God with my work in the mission field. I had just texted a bunch of guys, so I immediately prayed.

"Lord, I haven't gotten any answers lately, but I pray that I would receive at least one positive response for an appointment in the next thirty minutes."

*Clay and Jared. Jared is a junior studying Screenwriting.*

I do not usually pray that specifically. It felt like a bold step, but I found myself asking for that to happen. Sure enough, within five minutes a student texted me back, and within fifteen minutes I had an appointment set up for the very next day.

So as you can imagine, I was already praising God for delivering such a clear answer to prayer. But then I got to meet with "Adam", a freshmen living on the west side of campus. As Jared (a student leader) and I met with him, he said that his grandmother was close to God and that he just wanted to know that he could see her again one day. So we took him through the basic points of the gospel and he prayed to receive Christ with us!!

So, to make a long story short, God does answer prayers, especially when they align with his will. It was his will that Adam come to know and have a relationship with him. And it was his will for me to have the privilege of participating by faith.

Sometimes, even missionaries need reminders to pray. I'm thankful to be able to worship the God that is there to answer.

'Til The Whole World Knows,

*Clay + Emily*

## Praises

- We are praising God that in the first six weeks, we have seen **32** students place their faith in Christ!
  - We have seen 350 students become connect to community group Bible studies at Ohio University alone!
  - We have consistently seen about 12 students in our community groups at Hocking.
  - Since the first day of the year, we have seen two more people (Jeffrey Barner and Christy Spader) join our staff team!
- We are so excited to minister alongside them!

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# Prayer & Praise Requests for The Selways for October

*Stick this card anywhere that will remind  
you to pray!*

- For the women of West Green, where Emily leads. It's been particularly difficult getting freshmen women to come to Community Group Bible studies.
- For our upcoming Fall Retreat - **October 14 - 16**. This retreat is incredibly crucial to the ministry. Specifically, please pray:
  - At least 18 new students would attend from West Green, (9 men, 9 women).
  - At least 6 people from Hocking college would attend.
  - That the gospel would be made clear, and unbelieving students would come to Christ.
  - That believing students would commit to living out their college lives on mission.
  - That community would form, and real friendships would start.
  - For good weather (no rain!)
  - That we, as the staff and students running the retreat, would follow the Holy Spirit's leading and do the Lord's will.
- Please pray specifically that Fall Retreat would help kickstart the community among West Green women, and that this would help the gospel spread in ways it isn't right now.