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***"Our mission will seek to both reach out to the 300,000 + university students [in the city] while also placing great emphasis on developing student leaders."***

This is the description for Chicago Summer Mission, a summer mission opportunity with Cru which Clay and I have the great privilege of helping to lead. As I read the e-mail that told of us of our assignment, a lump rose up in my throat and my stomach started to churn - a strange mix of excitement and fear filled my heart.



Students gather together weekly to study the Bible and pray together. These groups are an awesome formative experience for the students.

I have never been on a Summer Mission with Cru before, so the prospect of my first one being one where I lead as a staff member makes me anxious. At the same time, I am so excited to get to be a part of this incredible opportunity. In just about week, almost 100 students will join the 50 staff in downtown Chicago to spend a summer working, learning, sharing their faith, and growing in community together.

The object of Chicago Summer Mission is to reach the 300,000+ university students in the city with the message of Jesus, while at the same time equipping students to be leaders for Christ back on their own campuses, and ultimately in their communities and work places after graduation. Students and staff live together in tight community, and spend their nights and weekends being discipled (mentored), learning in small group Bible studies, and dispersing to the nearby campuses and beaches to share the gospel. At the same time, students get internships or summer jobs, and are encouraged to use the skills we teach them to build relationships with their coworkers and share their faith.

Out of all the experiences Cru offers, we always tell students that Summer Mission is the very best opportunity to be trained and to grow in their faith. When I asked Emily, an OU student who is coming with us to Chicago, why she decided to come, she told me this -

*"I felt God telling me to go on summer mission during the IndyCC conference this past winter. Summer mission was never something I wanted to apply for or felt like I had time for, so when I wanted to apply at the conference, I knew that was all God."*

*"I am most looking forward to the community I'll be in while I'm in Chicago. That's always been something I cherish, and I can't wait to spend an entire summer with over 100 other believers. I hope I learn how to fully love others and to see everyone the way Jesus sees them, and I hope to grow deeper in my relationship with Jesus and in how I pray."*

We can't wait to share with you all that God does in and through us while we are in Chicago. Thank you so much for being a part of equipping students to be leaders for a lifetime in our ministry!



Emily, an OU senior - one of the 4 OU and Marietta College students coming to Chicago with us.

'Til The Whole World Knows,

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# Prayer & Praise Requests for The Selways for June

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

1. Pray for Emily - she asked people to pray “for boldness, and that I can keep my sight fully fixed on God during my time there and after I come home. I also pray our community of students and staff can grow together and sharpen each other continually as we spend the summer together.”
2. Pray that we would be filled with the Holy Spirit and obedient to God’s will as we disciple students and share our faith this summer. Pray that the Lord would use us in incredible ways!
3. Pray for the other OU/Marietta students coming to Chicago Summer Mission - Logan, Naomi, and Hannah. (
4. Pray for us and the rest of the Chicago Summer Mission staff team that we wouldn’t seek to impress the students or work for our own gain, but that we’d decide to know nothing while with them “except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” (1 Cor 2:2). Pray that God would move powerfully and use us as He wills.

**We’d love to pray for you. Please share your prayer requests with us!**

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