



AUGUST 2020

## “You’re the only person....who has bothered to reach out to me.”

Cru Summer Missions were canceled, campuses have closed, large group gatherings are banned. It’s understandable to assume that evangelism in this time is all but impossible. However, a recent story we heard from our Cru at OU teammate Jason just goes to show this assumption couldn’t be more wrong!

This summer, in lieu of Summer Missions, students were invited to participate in virtual groups via Zoom. These groups studied theology, read the Bible, and learned about evangelism. One student, \*Sarah, had begun having regular conversations with her co-worker, \*Kyle. During one Zoom meeting, Sarah said she had decided she was going to invite him out for some (socially distant) coffee, and share the gospel with him. She sent a text, set up a date and time, and had her group pray for her.

When she showed up to get coffee though....Kyle didn’t. She texted him. Then called him. Then looked for him at work. He never responded or showed. It seemed Sarah had been “ghosted”. Not quite content to give up, Sarah began to poke around to see where Kyle had gone. To her surprise, she found out that he had been arrested and sent to prison.

Undeterred, Sarah decided she would write him a letter. After receiving her letter, Kyle called her.

*“You know, you’re the only person besides my own sister who has bothered to reach out to me. Thank you.”* Kyle said, sounding a bit teary. Prison was turning out to be a lonely experience, and the unexpected contact was welcome.

Sarah encouraged Kyle, and he began to attend a Bible study in prison. A few weeks later, Sarah received another letter from Kyle. He wrote to tell her that he had decided to accept Christ and become a Christian.

*“Thank you for reaching out to me....”*

God is clearly still at work, and our students are still having an impact - even if only from a distance.

## What’s Happening on Campus?

Classes have begun again on all of our campuses, though there are many restrictions. OU in particular has adopted a mostly “virtual” start. Many of our upper class men have opted to return to campus anyway, as they already had leases.

We have been able to resume some cautious in-person activities, such as outside discipleship appointments and Bible studies with all attendants staying 6-feet apart and wearing masks.

Additionally, we have begun virtual appointments and Bible studies for our students who are still at home, as well as freshman who are taking virtual classes. We’ve actually been surprised to discover freshman who want to be involved, even if only virtually!

Please pray for our upcoming virtual outreaches and for God’s continued protection of our team.

Yours in Christ,

*Clay + Emily*

# FAMILY UPDATE

By the time you read this prayer letter, it is quite likely that Baby Selway #2 will have already been born! (Although Elliott was 8 days late, so maybe not!)

We are continuing to attempt the delicate balance of working without access to childcare, with the addition of Clay now spending several days a week on campus.

We all continue to be in good health, and we look forward to introducing our newest family member to you!



# PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for the way He is using this crisis to continue to bring people into relationship with Himself. Space in this letter fails us to tell you all of the incredible stories we've heard!
- Praise God for His provision for our family and our ministry in the midst of uncertain times.
- Pray for the protection and health of our staff and students.
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- Pray for our family; A healthy birth, healthy mother and baby, and a smooth transition to a family of four.
- Pray that God would help us to raise up a freshman class of believers, even with our difficult circumstances.

*welcome*



JUDAH TYLER SELWAY  
August 30, 2020 | 7 lbs, 11 oz



Dearest Family and Friends,

It is with great joy we announce the newest member of our family!

Judah arrived at 5:05 am on Sunday, August 30th. We are overjoyed and filled with thankfulness.

With much love,

Clay, Emily, and big brother Elliott

