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"I thought I was spiritual before and knew a lot, but getting involved in community group has helped me see just how much I really don't know."

These were the words of Ian, a guy who regularly attends the men's bible study I (Clay) lead on OU's campus. Ian grew up with some church familiarity, but did not have much exposure after the age of 12. Upon meeting him at our kickoff event, I quickly realized that he's thought a lot about various philosophical and religious ideas, especially of the eastern variety (Buddhism in particular). However, he told me up front upon first meeting him that he was interested in learning more about Christianity and diving into it.



At first, Ian might strike many (including myself) as the kind of guy you'd maybe see once and then never hear from again. That has been far from the case. So far, he has come to community group every single week and is clearly seeking to process and engage in what is happening. When we've met up outside of group, it's taken no prompting to dive into really meaningful, spiritual discussion with key gospel elements throughout.



Across the board, this seems to be true of our ministry this year. I cannot remember a semester when I've seen so many non-Christian students genuinely pursuing to know more about God through Christian community around them. I've gotten to meet with and hang out with multiple students who have been sticking around well beyond the first week of bible study. While most of them have not given their lives to Jesus yet, they are experiencing the gospel both in word and everyday living in our campus community.

Please be in prayer for these students, that the veil would be lifted from their eyes, and the glory of the gospel would be revealed to them.

Yours in Christ,

Clay + Emily

FAMILY UPDATE

There is exciting news for us on the family front. **Emily is pregnant!** We are looking forward to welcoming the fifth member of the Selway family in early May! While the busyness of the fall semester has somewhat tempered our excitement, we're very much looking forward to who God wants to introduce us to and for Elliott and Judah as they both get to be big brothers now. After not feeling well for about the first month or so, Emily is beginning to get her energy back as well.

Elliott is doing quite well. He is really enjoying his short homeschool lessons each day and has already improved tremendously in his handwriting skills. He also just finished his first season of soccer and really seemed to enjoy it. The improvement from the first week to the last was substantial! Judah is doing well overall too and both kids are enjoying going to Awana on Sunday nights!

As for me, I got to go to The Gospel Coalition Conference at the end of last month! It was a great time of fellowship with some of my teammates, as well as a place where my soul was fed and I was intellectually challenged through different breakout sessions that I was able to attend.



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Ian and others like him, that their experience at Fall Retreat would propel them forward to a fruitful relationship with Jesus.
- That students who remain spiritually interested would continue to trust us as we share the gospel with more and more of them.
- For OUL; that we'd be able to find 1-2 key guys that can help anchor and launch a meaningful men's ministry there.
- For Emily; that her pregnancy would continue to be a healthy one and that the baby would thrive. (If you'd also want to pray that this baby would be calm, easy to comfort, and sleep and nurse well, that would be appreciated!)