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"I got to share the gospel with one of my coworkers! And I didn't even seek it out right away. God gave me the opportunity and I couldn't pass it up!"

This is what Maggie shared with me (Clay) and my co-leader Erin very recently. Maggie is a student who got involved this year at our Ohio University - Lancaster campus. Over the past several months, she has become eager to grow in her faith and has greatly desired to begin sharing her faith with others in her life.

In addition to Maggie, several other OU-L students have been interested to learn more about how to do this as well. So, in early November, Gabrielle (my other co-leader) and I walked a handful of students through the Knowing God Personally booklet. Our hope was that by guiding them through how to use this simple gospel presentation, students would have a framework for how they could talk about Jesus with the people they know in their everyday life.



Fast forward to a couple of weeks ago. We got together with our student leaders on campus. When we talked about goals for 2022, she mentioned that she had made it a goal to actively share her faith more. She had gotten to share with a coworker named Kim* and discuss over text message. Kim talked about wishing she could have a faith like her aunt, the only Christ-follower she had really known. Maggie got to talk about her relationship with Jesus and the assurance of eternal life that she receives through faith in him. While Kim did not choose to follow Jesus then and there, she did tell Maggie that she wants this assurance for herself! We are praying that soon we will know that Kim has chosen to follow Jesus and see her grow in her faith with us.

Yours in Christ,
Clay + Emily



FAMILY UPDATE

2021 wrapped up pretty well for all of us. Emily and I each ran our first half marathon the Sunday after Thanksgiving! It was really fun and we're both looking forward to doing it again in the spring, possibly in Athens and Columbus sometime in April.

2022 has gotten off to a pretty uneventful start for us as a family. Judah was sick for nearly 2 weeks with a cold virus, but has been doing much better. His finger has also healed up really nicely! We can't even tell that he broke the finger or nail when looking at his hand now. Thank you for your prayers for him!

Elliott is still enjoying preschool a lot. He got to be in a Christmas pageant of sorts and he had a great time singing with his friends! He's also been going out in the snow a ton, enjoying hikes, throwing snowballs, and digging for treasure in our yard. We've made it a goal to get the kids outside a lot more consistently this year (we are aiming for 1,000 hours, based off the '1,000 Hours Outside' Challenge!) and are off to a good start, albeit a cold one!



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for a safe, healthy, and productive 2021 and a good start to our 2022.
- Praise God for the healing of Judah's hand!
- Pray for the students who are coming to know Christ, particularly Kim.. Pray for growth, maturity, and fruitfulness.
- Pray for our team as we continue to navigate

the complexities of COVID and serving in a culture that has changed at what seems like warp-speed. We are grappling with many changes and challenges; Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and insight, protection from discouragement and cynicism, and for the courage to make bold moves.