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“Lord, thank you for Rene. Thank you for the woman that you created her to be. Thank you for saving her, for giving her a heart to serve you, for giving her a desire to reach others with your love. I pray that you would make her ministry next year fruitful and that lots of girls would get to be reached by her love and care. Amen.”

Tears welled up in my eyes as I listed to Kelsey pray for Rene as she washed her feet in a symbolic gesture drawn from John 13. When she was finished, Kelsey stood up and handed Rene a green baton to symbolize that it was now her turn to continue to run the race of faith Paul speaks of in 2 Timothy 4. From this point on, she would labor to make disciples of Jesus who would also faithfully “carry the baton.” As Rene stood, we all gathered around her to pray and welcome her as our newest student leader.



West Green men and women.

It was a beautiful moment from our annual “Pass the Baton” ceremony where we formally initiate new student leaders into our movement. I [Emily] felt it was a particularly poignant moment, considering where we were in the fall.

At the end of fall semester, my disciples (students I mentor/lead) were leading three separate Community Group Bible studies on West Green at OU. One of them had two consistent attendees, and the other two had no one coming to them more weeks than not. I was pretty discouraged. How in the world would we get the gospel out on West Green, let alone have **any-**

one to initiate at Pass the Baton with this kind of attendance?

“Lord,” I prayed, “You have said ‘The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, therefore pay earnestly that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers.’ I know the harvest must be plentiful, but I need you to raise up some laborers on West Green. Please Lord!” - I prayed this prayer every day for months. And here, at the end of a very long and eventful year, my prayers were very visibly answered.

The Lord truly does want to send laborers into his harvest field, and raising them up from the college campus is one of the most effective ways that I know. This year, we graduated 30 seniors. Out of those 30, 17 are heading into full time ministry with Cru either by interning, joining staff, or STINTing (spending a year overseas as a missionary with Cru)! The rest we are launching into ministries of their own as they attend grad school or join the workforce. Please continue to pray with us that the Lord would to empower us to win the campus for Christ today, so that we might win the world for Christ tomorrow.



Some of my graduating seniors.

‘Til The Whole World Knows,

Clay + Emily

PRAYER + PRAISE

- Pray for our graduating students, that they would continue to be disciples of Jesus and make disciples for the rest of their lives
- For our current students to walk with the Lord closely over the summer.
- Our Summer Mission to Slovenia is less than a month away. Please pray that the final details would get worked out, and that our move to our new home just before we leave would go smoothly.