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“So, why would you say you three have chosen to be Christians? Is it something you’ve grown up believing or is it a choice you made later on?”

This is the question that was posed to Reilly, Andria, and me (Clay) as we engaged in conversation with *Adesh. He is currently an engineering student at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in Chicago. He grew up in India and shared about his Hindu background.

As we continued talking, Adesh acknowledged that he isn’t deeply religious, but that he does desire to open himself up to learning more deeply about other faiths. When asked what he knew about Christianity, he talked generally about the idea being good to avoid bad things in the afterlife. He also mentioned he didn’t really know any Christians.



He then asked why we are Christians. Realizing that this might be the first time he has ever had followers of Christ speak into his life, we each took turns sharing with him why we believe in Jesus. We all had the opportunity to share brief versions of our personal testimonies, emphasizing the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus. It felt very clear that, without speaking to one another, the Spirit was leading each of us to share about how Jesus is a personal God who pursues each of us, so that we might “have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

We had many of these kinds of conversations this summer! We praise God that many have gotten to hear that gospel and that many of our students engaged in these conversations with others for the first time!

*Not his real name, for his privacy

Yours in Christ,
Clay + Emily



Our Chicago Summer Mission Staff Team; an incredible group of people we enjoyed learning from!

FAMILY UPDATE

We left Chicago on July 10th and after a much needed vacation, are now at home preparing for the upcoming school year at Ohio University. All four of us had a great summer, but are thankful to be back in our home! We are preparing Elliott for his first year of preschool as well as Judah's first birthday (time flies fast!).

I (Clay) will be spending the upcoming semester with students at OU – Main Campus and at OU – Lancaster, in addition to being our new field finance administrator (AKA, the guy who deals with all the expense reports). Emily will continue with printing and design work as well as spending time with a few students. Please be in



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for safe travels from Chicago and back home!
- Praise God that during our time in Chicago, we collectively had 150 spiritual conversations and shared the gospel 50 times, with people from at least 18 different countries!
- Pray for Adesh, that he would get connected to Cru on campus this fall or with others who can show him the way to Jesus.
- Pray for our staff team, as we navigate the tricky semester ahead, full of unknowns and COVID restrictions. Please pray that the Lord would show us what to do, how to do it, and when.