



## Highs and Lows

One of our favorite family dinner/bedtime routines is sharing both the best part of our day and processing what was hard & what can we learn from the challenges we faced. We serve a God who loves to be celebrated, so taking time to reflect and trust, not only connects us with each other, but connects us with Him in worship!



As we look back on our first year serving here in Wisconsin, we are in awe of what He has done and the ways He has taught us. We have lots to celebrate, but we've also faced challenges that have refined us too. We are thankful and want to share some snapshots with you, because so much of this is possible because of your generous partnership, prayers, and encouragement!

Being new in town means depending on the Lord, having patience, and tilling the soil for developing relationships (earning trust and laying foundations). We have experienced highs and lows in the midst of all that. Kyle has met regularly with several athletes for discipleship throughout the year. This Spring, he also had opportunities to share the Gospel with 3 freshman guys who invited Christ to be the King of their lives! Yay God!!! Jayne has enjoyed getting to encourage and help train our 3 AIA interns. These ladies are being invested in and then they multiply their lives through ministry on campus. (The picture below is of our intern ladies at our final training time of the year... We painted pottery together to make a fun "remembering piece" of this year and processed places they had seen God move in their lives and ministry.) Two of them have decided to intern again next year! We are so excited to keep serving them and also alongside them too!

This year we've also had some challenging moments refine us too. Jayne met with a girl throughout the Fall who later shared in the Spring that she didn't want to meet anymore.



She communicated that it wasn't personal at all, but it was where she is at with faith doubts and self-view as she is also overcoming some mental health challenges. Kyle met with a guy in the Fall who began to grasp what it means to have a relationship with the Lord, but then didn't make himself available to follow up or keep meeting as the year continued.

In those moments, ministry becomes more focused on prayer for them more than meeting with them, but it's a reality that we navigate in ministry. *The Parable of the Sower* in Mark 4 is a great reminder that we can't control the results, we can only be faithful to plant the seeds and listen & obey as God leads us step by step.

Kyle had several opportunities throughout the year to share with the athlete large groups here in Madison, at UW-Green Bay, Marquette & UW-Milwaukee. At the end of the year Badger Life meeting, he challenged the students to approach their faith growth this Summer with the same kind of intentionality that they pursue their athletic growth with. He encouraged them to be in community and challenged them to dive deep into the Word of God, trusting Him to carry on the good work He has begun in them (Philippians 1:6).



One of our favorite events all year was Night with the Badgers, a vision dinner, where we celebrated and partnered with our local church to share how God has been moving in the lives of athletes and coaches around the state. 5 UW athletes were baptized and more than 30 stood on the stage to tell their stories of ways God worked in their own lives or on their teams. What an incredible testimony to their families, friends and their teammates who joined us that night!

## Answered Prayers:

Celebrate with us the ways God has been working on campus at UW this semester. It's been awesome to see new believers who have placed their trust in Him for their eternity!

So many of you have asked about George's recent surgery.

**THANK YOU!**



We are excited to share that we have seen big improvement in his speech and his growing vocabulary! **YAY GOD!!!**

## Please pray for us:

- Ultimate Training Camp Twin Cities starts next week! Please pray for the athletes who will hear the Good News and begin a relationship with Jesus for the first time through this opportunity. Please also pray for those who will be learning how to use their sport as a way to worship and to depend on God in new ways.

- Please pray for us and for the interns that we will be caring for as we help lead 150 other student athletes at UTC. Please pray that we all would have humble, teachable hearts that are dependent on the Lord and that we would serve out of the overflow of His love for us.

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**THANK YOU** for partnering with us as we trust God to see Christ followers on **every** team, in **every** sport, and in **every** nation!

Much love,  
Kyle, Jayne, AJ, Leisel & George