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*Winter Conference is an annual conference hosted by Cru in many locations around the country. It is designed to appeal to a wide range of students, from introducing non-believers to Jesus to helping mature Christians decide on God's next steps for their lives. We once again attended Winter Conference in Indianapolis, IN.*

The week between Christmas and New Years is yet another Winter Conference for me [Clay] in Indianapolis. But this one feels special. The normal ballroom we use for sessions is under construction, so we are back in the old Indianapolis Conference Center Ballroom. It was in this room that my life changed forever.

*Ten years ago, on December 28th, it was here that I truly said yes to following Jesus. It was later in that same day that I would meet a woman who would become my friend, later my wife, and then the mother of my son. It was here that the God of the universe grabbed hold of my heart and has refused to let go since, even during times that I've not really engaged with him.*



*A most very awkward photo of me from that Winter Conference.*

The years since have not been without their difficulties or hardships. I see more of my shortcomings as a person. I see more of the brokenness that the world is filled with. *However, that was the day I truly began to start living.* I have Jesus to thank for the risks I have taken that I never would have before, for many of the relationships that I have, and for the hope that He gives to those who trust him.

If you are walking through the hardships of life and feel discouraged, know that you don't have to do it without hope. Jesus brings life to places where despair previously reigned. Matthew 16:24-25 for us is the thread by which the tapestry holds together. What a creative God we serve!

10 years seems both so long, and yet so short. In those 10 years I have graduated college, gotten married, joined staff with Cru, and welcomed a son. I'd venture to say that none of that would have happened (at least not in such a beautiful way!) if the God of the universe had not intervened in that convention center ballroom a decade ago. Winter Conference still serves the same purpose today - to provide a place where God is put forth front and center for college students to see, submit to, and worship. Thank you for making such incredibly important places possible.

Yours in Christ,

*Clay + Emily*

# FAMILY UPDATE

## SELWAY FAMILY

We are fortunate to be able to say there is not a terrible amount to update you on. Elliott continues to grow and develop at a normal, healthy pace. His speech and language has really blossomed, and he's proving to be a very funny little boy. The other day, he very happily informed me that "Dada say 'Awexa!'" (Daddy says 'Alexa', aka the wake-word for an Amazon Echo voice assistant. Apparently we use it too much around him!)

The flu is at epidemic levels in Athens, unfortunately. Schools have been closing, though so far all of the universities in our scope have remained open. Elliott unfortunately came down with a bad case of bronchitis, but we are just glad it's not the flu!



## PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our seniors - this semester they will be preparing to transition to the "real world", as well as preparing our juniors to take over as the head of the ministry next year. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom over their lives.
- Pray for Cru ministries as a whole in East Asia. As the Corona virus contains to spread, ministry there has been affected. Pray for God's protection over staff and students there.
- Pray for us as we continue to work on raising up more

Ministry Partners so that we can return to full-time campus work. We are 80% finished and hope to finish fully by the end of the school year!

- Praise the Lord for YOU, and others like you, who sacrificially invest in our work here.

## WE PRAY FOR YOU...

You mean the world to us. This month, we are praying the following verses over you. Please let us know how we can be praying for you specifically.

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

-Romans 15:5,6