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SERVING WITH CRU IN SOUTHEAST OHIO

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Personal Update

Tired. Anxious. Irritable. A mild sense of dread.

These were some of the emotions that I think Clay and I both felt as we headed to Cru Winter Conference: Indianapolis (IndyCC) 2 days after Christmas. We both had bad attitudes, and we knew it - but it was hard. Cru WC always means 5 days of hard work for us as staff, and coming off of traveling, seeing family, and general holiday busyness made it loom large in our minds.



Somehow still managed some cortionist positions to get "the shot" while serving as one of the conference photographers.

I (Emily), now officially six months pregnant and *feeling it*, put my head down and did my job as a conference photographer with that sort of mindless grind you might find yourself in at the end of a long run. I got it done, but I didn't really experience any of it. I was in virtually every session and heard every speaker, but I couldn't tell you a word of what was said or even who said it. It wasn't until the last day that the

Lord grabbed hold of me and reminded me why I was there.

On the very last evening, I sat down with Renee, one of the students I work with at OU. It was her very first Winter Conference, and she was blown away.

"There was just so much that I had never even thought about before! I'm going to need weeks to process all the things that God has shown me this week.... Last night when the speaker started talking about how we need to be secure in God's love for us in order to be motivated to share about God's love with others, my mind was blown!"

Internally, I laughed because I'd been trying to help Renee understand that all semester - but I was so grateful the Lord had obviously answered my prayers for her through her time at Winter Conference. Even when we aren't paying attention, God is at work! It was a great reminder to me, and I hope it encourages your hearts that God is working through your provision for this ministry, even when you can't be here to see it!

'Til the Whole World Knows,

Clay + Emily

Prayer + Praise

- Praise God that Natalie, one of the freshmen I asked you to pray for in the fall, accepted Christ while at Cru Winter Conference!
- Pray for Jodie, the student in our October prayer letter who is dealing with doubts in her faith.
- Pray for Emily and the baby to remain healthy and growing.



We found out that Baby Selway is a boy! (We wish we had a cute ultrasound photo to share, but he wasn't cooperative!)



Emily's parents took us to a UofM game at the Big House. (Clay wants to make it clear, he is a Buckeye who went purely for the love of football!)



We enjoyed Christmas with our families in both Dayton and New Philadelphia.