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The Lord continues to amaze us with how He uses this ministry to accomplish His purposes! Please enjoy the following excerpt from the prayer letter of our fellow Cru at OU teammate, Emily Baumhoer.

Working on a college campus, I'm daily reminded of the brokenness and darkness of this world. We're just a few weeks into the semester, and already there have been multiple reports of sexual assault, one student death by suicide, and abundant evidence that drinking/partying culture remains the norm for the majority of the student population. My heart is heavy as I'm reminded of the ways the world is not what it was intended to be.

Yet at the same time, there is much comfort to be found in knowing that **in the end, darkness will not win. God is light, and he is at work in dark hearts and dark places.**



I Just Don't Feel Worthy

Two Cru staff Jeffrey and Jacob (left) share the gospel with a student (right).

So far this semester, our team has seen 19 people place their faith in Christ! **That's 19 new members of the Kingdom of the Son!** One of these is a freshman named Avery who I met the first week of classes. We met up for a cup of coffee together on Labor Day and as I asked her questions about her life and background, it became clear that even though she was from a non-religious family, she was incredibly curious to learn about God and faith.

When I asked her if she thought she had a relationship with God, she told me that **she didn't think so because she "didn't feel worthy" of God's attention or love.** That day I got to tell her the good news that God already loves her and thus despite her sin and unworthiness made a way for her to have an eternal, living relationship with Him through Jesus. And as God shone his light in Avery's heart, she chose to pray a simple prayer of faith that day!

There is much darkness to abhor and mourn in this life, but there is also great and lasting hope to be found in Jesus, as he ushers in the Kingdom of Light.



Morton 201 is once again full of students attending our weekly meeting, 180.



"Chalking" - literally using chalk to advertise on campus sidewalks - has proven a surprisingly effective way to reach students!



Taylor, a student coached by Emily Baumhoer, was so excited to see someone accept Christ after she shared the gospel she sent this eager text.

FAMILY UPDATE

HEALTH UPDATE

This past weekend we got to take a much needed break and enjoy the wedding of a family friend of Emily's family. Getting to see her family, spend time with a childhood friend and enjoy a break (Elliott stayed with his other grandma, woohoo!) was refreshing.

Also, after a few months of concerning symptoms and some abnormal blood work results, Emily has finally received a diagnosis of Hypothyroidism. Essentially, her thyroid isn't producing hormones the way it should. Fortunately, this is easy to treat and we think she'll begin feeling better soon! We're grateful it was caught quickly and early.

ELLIOTT

He continues to be our joy as he grows and develops. He's now speaking in short sentences, and it's hilarious to hear his little quips at opportune moments - like shouting "I did it!" as he dumps a basket of freshly folded laundry all over the floor.

This photo is him with our cat, Toby. Elliott is thrilled by Toby, but I can't say the feeling is mutual.



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for students like Avery, who have recently begun their walk with Jesus. Pray that they would grow and flourish.
- Pray for our upcoming Fall Retreat (Oct. 18 - 20); For changed lives, open hearts, and non-believers to come to Christ.
- Pray for us as we continue to work on raising up more Ministry Partners so that we can return to full-time campus work.
- Praise God for the 19 students so far who have received Christ!
- Praise the Lord for all that He has provided for us thus far - financially, physically, and spiritually.
- 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.

"Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough... **They [your gifts] are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.**"

-Philippians 4:17-19