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This fall God has continued to bless our team in ministry. Please enjoy this update from fellow staff members Ellie & Jacob McCollister

Last week I received an exciting dinner invitation. My friend Amber, a Freshman at Ohio University, discovered hundreds of meal plan points she needed to use by the end of the semester. So as not to waste them, Amber invited me and four of her closest friends from Cru to come feast with her!

To memorialize Amber's happy accident, we took a picture in front of the restaurant. We then piled into a single car and drove over to Cru's weekly meeting, where we heard Lyndsey share about Esther. That night at home I watched a recording of Lyndsey's talk and looked at the pictures we'd taken at dinner.



From L-R: Amber, McKenzie, Mickenna, Ellie, Larissa, and Emma at dinner

As I watched her speak, I remembered Lyndsey's senior year at Ohio University, when I began meeting with her weekly for discipleship. She'd become a Christian four years before and Cru played a crucial role in her life as a college student. She learned to walk with God, read the Bible, and multiply her faith. She then joined Cru staff part-time and I've trained her for three years. In a couple of weeks, she'll be moving to Cincinnati to pursue counseling. God has been so faithful in Lyndsey's life and it is a blessing to have been part of her journey so far.



Lyndsey teaching from Esther at our weekly meeting.

Then, as I looked at the picture from dinner, I realized that every young woman in it had been introduced to Jesus through Cru at Ohio University. This September, Amber, Mickenna, and Emma heard the gospel and surrendered their lives to Jesus. All three are part of Bible studies where they are learning how to live out their faith just as Lyndsey did seven years ago. One of those Bible studies is led by Makenzee. Last April, Makenzee put her trust in Jesus after a year of going to Bible studies and exploring the Christian faith. The Bible study where Makenzee was introduced to the Bible was led in part by Larisa.

Larisa discovered how to have a personal relationship with God after being part of a Cru Bible study in 2017.

God has woven together the stories of Lyndsey, Larisa, Makenzee, Mickenna, Amber, Emma, and myself. He's created a beautiful tapestry as we help one another grow closer to God. God has used your prayers and support for us as the thread by which the tapestry holds together. What a creative God we serve!

Yours in Christ,
Clay + Emily

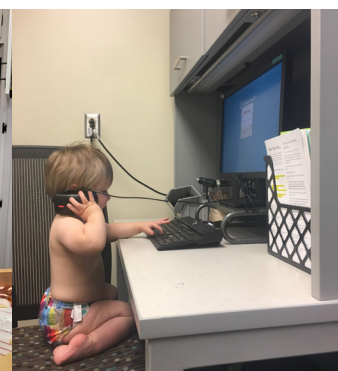
FAMILY UPDATE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We were fortunate to be able to celebrate with both our families this Christmas. We enjoyed the downtime and the extended time to reflect upon the birth of our Savior. Elliott especially enjoyed his Grandmas feeding him lots of sweets & spoiling him with new toys!

SELWAY FAMILY

Fortunately there is not a lot to report otherwise. We are all healthy and doing well, and despite having a bit of a difficult start to December with lots of stomach flu's and family illnesses, we are all recovered and feeling good!



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our newest campus, OU-Zanesville; Ask for continued growth and provision of the ministry there.
- Pray for students as they are home on Winter Break. Many of our students are in homes where their love of Christ is not supported, there is conflict, or there is a general toxic environment. Pray for their strength and well-being.
- 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 the Lord for provision for our family. We've had multiple instances this last month where the Lord has shown us how loved and seen we are by providing for specific physical needs.
- 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.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

-Colossians 2:6,7