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This fall God has continued to bless our team in ministry. Please enjoy this update from fellow staff members Chad & Christy Helmer.

First, this fall Chad launched the ministry of Cru at Ohio University's Zanesville campus. It all began last spring when some students on that campus reached out to us and asked if we could help them launch Cru there. Of course we began laying the groundwork right away! Then, this fall, we kicked things off. We were able to get face-to-face with over one-third of the student body on our first day. We asked them to complete a short "Spiritual Interest Questionnaire". Over 60% of the students we surveyed wanted more information about a Bible study or about how they could know God personally!



We met with many of them face-to-face to share the gospel and kicked off the Bible study with 15 people. Since then, it has grown to 20 people. More exciting still are the number of OU- Zanesville students who attended our Fall Retreat and are hoping to go on a Summer Mission this summer. God has raised up an incredible group of student leaders on that campus, who are reaching out to others and trusting God to change their campus and community!

Second, we are fresh off one of the biggest events of our year: Fall Retreat. We gathered students from all of the campuses of Southeast Ohio for a weekend of worship, prayer, Bible teaching and a whole lot of fun. It was one of the best Fall Retreats we have experienced. The weather was beautiful. The Biblical teaching was challenging and helpful. Students developed new friendships and made commitments to live in Christian community for the coming year. The retreat grew in size this year. Students loved the whole event and gave us great feedback!

Yours in Christ,  
*Clay + Emily*



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\_caillaaa\_ I had the time of my life this weekend at scioto hills with Cru at OU's fall retreat. It was a life changing experience. Not only did I grow in my relationship with God, I made relationships with tons of people. Cru at OU is a Christian organization that I joined about a month ago. Thank u @cruatou This fall retreat was amazing! I miss it so much and would trade anything to go again! This experience was one for the books!



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c.sleek66 What a blessing this weekend was! Shoutout to my community group for pushing me to go... it was one of the best decisions ever! Thankful for all the people I met, and now I can't wait for 3 more Fall Retreats! #naner



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patriciaporter\_ Went into the weekend knowing one person, came out having a cru :) love y'all

# FAMILY UPDATE

## CLAY & EMILY

Fortunately, there is not much to update on our front. We are continuing to work on expanding our ministry partner team and enjoying watching Elliott change and grow.

## ELLIOTT

Please enjoy this wonderful photo montage that accurately depicts life with a feisty toddler. He is always on the move, constantly talking, and is giving us a definite run for our money!



# 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 back on their campuses after Fall Retreat, that the truth they heard would change their lives.
- 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 a well-attended Fall Retreat that students loved!
- Praise the Lord for provision - we've had several generous offers of help that have kept our car running for a little while longer and given us transportation when it was being worked on.
- 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 verse over you. Please let us know how we can be praying for you specifically.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

-Romans 15:13