



# Jordan & Niki Shirkman

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**"I don't have my future all planned out like most of my classmates because I want to go wherever God calls me and be open to what He wants me to do,"** Laura said. If you ask college freshmen what they plan on doing after graduation, they often have their lives mapped out and rarely mention seeking God's will for their lives. Laura is not your typical college freshman.

She is a student at Marietta College that I (Niki) have had the amazing privilege of spending time with this quarter. Laura has been a Christian for most of her life and has a genuine hunger for her friends and family to experience a relationship with Jesus. She is excited about reaching the students at Marietta with the gospel and we believe she will play a vital role in helping us reach the 1,400 students in this quaint, Southeast Ohio town for Christ.

Jordan and I, along with another couple on our staff team from Ohio University, have been given the opportunity to help establish a new Campus Crusade for Christ movement at Marietta College (MC). Our OU team has now launched ministries on three new campuses in Southeast Ohio--Marietta College, Rio Grande, and Hocking College.

Once a week, our team leads a Bible study at MC, spends time discipling our student leaders, and continues to share the gospel. We're trusting God will bless our steps of faith and continue to build a community of Christians on campus. The students already involved have a passion for reaching their friends, classmates, and professors with the message of Jesus. This quarter alone, we have seen three students place their faith in Christ at Marietta College!

As I hear Laura speak, I can't help but become overwhelmed with a vision of how the Lord could use her to change MC. Laura's selflessness and longing to follow God's plan for her life excites me. I can only imagine all the Lord has in store for her next four years and how she can make an impact in His kingdom during her time in college.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we want you to know how incredibly grateful we are for your prayers, encouragement and partnership with our ministry. We're so thankful for what God has done already this year, and we can't wait to see what else He has prepared for us.

Thanking God for each of you,

*Jordan + Niki*

P.S. Want to listen to Jordan's talk on Philippians 1 from our weekly gathering? Visit <http://jshirk.com/blog/talks/>



*The Lord has blessed our efforts at the beautiful Marietta College, and three students have placed their faith in Christ there this year!*



*Laura's desire to see God raise up a movement of students at MC has encouraged us immensely.*

## Prayers

- o Students from Ohio University will grow in their faith over their 6-week Christmas Break
  - o 110 students from OU and five students from MC will attend our Indy Christmas Conference from December 28 - January 1
  - o The new movement at Marietta College will continue to grow, and students will continue reaching their peers for Christ there
- ## Praise
- o Nearly 500 students attended a Bible study on our four campuses this quarter
  - o 20 Ohio University students from our movement are applying to spend a year as missionaries in Slovenia or South Asia, our overseas partnership locations
  - o God has blessed us tremendously through your prayers, support and encouragement over the last few months, and we thank Him for you often

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