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GO-vember

This month we are highlighting our call as believers to be a part of going and giving to world missions. During “Go-vember,” as we are calling it, we are asking students to pray about giving a summer or a year to spend reaching the world. One of the most exciting things about UNC is the legacy of students who have been going to places such as East Asia and Sweden for decades. We are hoping for another wave of laborers to be raised up from UNC to GO this summer!



Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for students to connect the hope of the gospel to the realities of life. We are walking thru a series on **stress and anxiety** at the weekly meeting.

- Pray for students to consider and think about using their summers as a platform to **GO** to the world.

- We held a men's event last week called **Dudesgiving** - we ate grilled meat, watched football and just hung out. Pray for God to use this connection point to draw men out of isolation and into relationships.

Thank you for your support! We are continually reminded of the calling God has given us and your role in making it possible to help students connect with God!

We hosted some staff friends from East Asia and were reminded of the process of inviting students into the worldwide story of redemption. Dylan (to the left of Josh) and Zach (to his right) are now long term staff in East Asia that were recent UNC graduates. Josh disciplined both of them when they were here. Hearing them share and cast vision to current students was a reminder of God's faithfulness and the impact we can have on the world from right here in Chapel Hill.

Student Spotlight: Brittany Hanks

We asked Brittany, a UNC senior whom Erin discipled, to share how God shaped her time in Sweden last summer!

God is real. He is good, he is faithful, and he is always near. This summer, I not only learned to believe those things, but I experienced them firsthand. My summer in Sweden completely changed my life. I had always wanted to go on a summer mission, but the fear of raising support and uncertainty had always held me back. Finally as a junior, I took a step of faith and applied to Sweden. In Sweden, I learned how to listen, be bold in my faith, and trust in the Holy Spirit. I saw the Holy Spirit move not only in my life but in the lives of my team members and the lives of Swedes. Sharing the gospel every day for four weeks, like we did in Sweden, truly does transform your life. Coming back, there was a fire in my heart and soul to share this gospel with everyone I knew, whether they were across the ocean or in my backyard. Summer mission will expand your knowledge of the gospel, and make you dive into uncertainty. You learn to fully trust God and the Holy Spirit like never before. I could have never imagined the impact it would have on my life. The way I see the world, the way I understand the gospel, and the way my heart has changed to a more willing, trusting, bold, and humbled believer has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. I am now planning on going back for a year after I graduate, as God has revealed to me the heart I have for missions!