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<u>Trajectory: Freshman Initiative:</u> Take a minute and think with us about your car. Imagine for a second that your alignment was off. In the short term, it might not make a huge impact on you or your car, but over time if it isn't fixed, its going to create a pull on

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your car that does damage and causes your direction to be drastically changed. This illustration in trajectory has really impacted us as we have been praying for, thinking about, and planning for freshman that join the Mizzou Tigers this year. The decisions and groups they align themselves with in these first few weeks and months of their first year at college are setting their trajectory for their college experience and the big picture of



their life. *God is sovereign and can change anyone at ANY time,* but it has been our goal to be extra intentional to reach out to and connect with the 130 freshman Tiger athletes in the past few weeks. We have been praying for them specifically and are having extra socials to reach out to them. There will be a Bible study for freshman athletes and we are creating opportunities for them to get connected with people who will build into them in a way that will have a positive impact on their trajectory for the long run!

Prayer Praises:

- for many new relationships with freshmen, new transfers, and international students
- 18 Mizzou athletes have signed up and are on servant leadership team

Prayer Requests:

- for upcoming ministry trips for Jayne to Lexington, KY and Kyle to Los Angeles, CA
- for courage, boldness, and discernment as we share

TIGER'S FALL KICKOFF

Have you ever wondered how we get connected with the athletes and coaches we get to serve?

Fall kickoff is a VERY big part of that. Each Fall, as the new school year starts, we ask each team's coach for permission to connect with their team either before or after practice. We share for just a few minutes if given the opportunity. Most



coaches have been very open and willing! When we meet with a team, we often cast vision for them by explaining that we believe every person is made of 3 components: mind, body, and spirit. They have great professors and tutors equipping their minds in the classroom and coaches and trainers shaping and maximizing their bodies in their sport. We know that sometimes both of those areas can be going very well, yet we still feel empty inside... this is why our spiritual development is so important. We are there to serve them if they are interested in growing in their faith. We put the ball in their court by giving them comment cards to give feedback on. Some of the things they can request to be followed up about are wanting to have a spiritual conversation, knowing more about how you can have a personal relationship with God, joining a Bible Study, getting information about our weekly all-athlete large group or nothing at this time. We have currently met with 14 Mizzou teams and have meetings next week with 2 more teams! So far, more than 60 people have asked for either a spiritual conversation or how you can know God personally! Please pray for these athletes and us as we follow up with their requests! Also, please celebrate and pray with us for the large group Bible Study on Tuesday nights...Our first 2 of the year have had about 50 athletes join in. They are seeking and growing! YAY GOD!



On The Home Front:

This has been a big few weeks of celebrating! AJ had his 5th Birthday and Leisel turned 2. Jayne's family came out from PA to celebrate with us. Her Nan also came with everyone and got to see our home in Columbia for the first time. It was great to all be together! AJ recently started preschool again and LOVES it.

Ministry at Columbia College

God has been moving and doing some really awesome things at Columbia College, another local college right here in our backyard! God has raised up 3 student leaders who have been having a huge impact and serving their campus



the past couple years! God has opened up an opportunity for us to serve, encourage, and equip Zach, Aleah & Tanner as they impact the Cougars for God's glory! Please pray for them.

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THANK YOU for the many ways you continue to be in our corner and for INVESTING in areas of ETERNAL VALUE!

Kyle, Jayne, AJ & Leisel