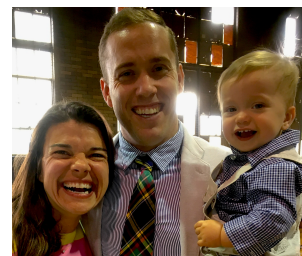




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Matt and Jenny Williams serving with Cru "Williams Word" Vol. 3 Iss. 10

Laboring with you to raise up disciples from the college campuses in Indianapolis who will embrace the Great Commission for a lifetime



Win students to Christ | Build them in their faith | Send them out as disciples

Student Highlight



Josh Hamilton
Ohio State

"For me, Chicago Summer Mission is settling in, and the real feel for what this summer is going to be like is now here. The daily grind of everyday life helps masks come off and we're able to become vulnerable with one another. The world leaves us exhausted but God continues to restore and refresh us far beyond our expectations. I love hearing stories of the way God showed up on campus while sharing with students or how He has been working with co-workers at our jobs. He pushes us to the breaking point, forces us to lean into Him, and He is always faithful to restore and refresh our hearts."



Seventy-two college students and forty-eight staff here in Chicago, united under one goal — to display the magnificence of Christ to all we come across.

Every day students head out into the city to work in coffee shops, restaurants, internships, and gift shops. They prayerfully seek to build lasting friendships and have spiritual conversations with co-workers that will lead to life change. We also step foot onto Chicago-area college campuses with the desire to share the good news of Jesus with the future leaders of this city. Despite the intense brokenness we encounter, we see a desire in many to know Jesus and experience genuine healing.

The theme of the summer mission is "Magnificence." By studying the book of Colossians, we're learning what it means to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord" (1:10). It's a privilege to watch students learn about the magnificence of Christ, and how that deeply shifts their outlook on life to be filled with hope, joy, and peace!

The community here is tight knit. We're from all over the nation, but we've bonded quickly. Whether we're running around on a scavenger hunt, navigating public transportation, or playing a game of kickball, it's always an adventure together!



Jenny teaching the women how to identify lies in their belief system

Jenny also had the opportunity to teach about resolving conflict with Biblical principles. Some insights she shared from Ephesians 4 include communicating with gentleness and humility. As the beginning phase of living with friends and roommates wears off, the need for unity becomes clearer every day. Pray that as we leave soon, students would maintain eagerness for unity in Christ.

Matt had the privilege of teaching at our Thursday night “Break Room” meeting. Our hope is that our students invite co-workers and students we meet on campus to learn more about Jesus. Each week we look at a chapter of Colossians that teaches about the greatness and magnificence of Christ. Pray for God to use every detail of those meetings to foster rich relationships with Jesus.

This Saturday (6/31) we’re offering a workshop on budgeting. Matt will teach about Biblical principles and practical wisdom, and Jenny will show them how to prep and make meals on a budget. We’re excited to offer practical wisdom for this felt need in students’ lives!



Pray for the Chicago Summer Mission staff team as we get ready to hand the summer mission over to the students. In just ONE WEEK (July 7th) we leave Chicago. Pray for students to carry the baton of leadership well the next five weeks.

Next month we travel to Ft. Collins, CO for the bi-annual staff conference. Pray that we can make new connections and friendships with AIA staff as we transition this summer. Thanks so much for your support and prayers!

We’ve had a few opportunities to speak and train students throughout our time here. *One of the things Jenny is passionate about is identifying lies in our belief system and replacing them with truth from God’s Word.* On a recent Saturday morning, we gathered all the women on summer mission to teach how to recognize lies, and where to go in the Bible to replace them with truth. Jenny has had several follow up conversations since then. Pray for both the women AND men to learn healthy patterns that will help them trust God with every part of their life!



Thursday “Break Room” meeting