

# New Beginnings

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### i·life Summer Service 2 Timothy & Community

Hello! We hope this finds you well. As July comes to a close we are winding down our summer rhythms here in Illini Life and preparing for the start of the fall semester. In just 2 weeks students will begin returning to campus and classes resume shortly after.

The summer months have been a sweet time of building community and being encouraged in the Lord. For the past 10 weeks we have studied through the book of 2 Timothy, drawing encouragement and inspiration to press on in the faith and share the gospel. During these weeks Nick has had a chance to continue helping our young staff develop as teachers of the word, and began working with a few other volunteer leaders to discern if they are gifted to teach. It has been encouraging to have additional help with preaching and to see them all develop.

Each week this summer we have spent time gathering for a cookout hosted by one of our elders, held our weekly worship service, engaged in a time of evangelism on campus, frisbee outreach on the quad and hosted a time for the women of the church to be together. We have also held a weekly prayer walk around campus and a time to reach out to incoming students during campus orientation times. It has been a refreshing and refocusing

summer as we prepare through prayer and outreach for the incoming class of students.

Beyond the day-to-day ministry, Nick and the staff of Illini Life have been reading quite a bit in this season. We've read thinkers offering insights into the mindset and worldview of this incoming generation of students. We've read on ways to evangelize and reach them most effectively, and Nick has read on leadership and pastoral care and health. Our team here at Illinois feels energized and excited to reach a campus that deeply needs relational connection and the Gospel.

As we turn our attention to preparing for that work this fall we invite you to pray with us for fruitful outreach, and a healthy and prepared staff team, volunteer base and group of student leaders. Above all, that through all this, God would be glorified and made known on this campus.

### Continued Support Needs

We are so thankful for many of you responding to our needs for additional support, replacing lost support and accommodating the growing needs of our family. It's a joy to be partnered with you all in this Gospel work. If you'd like to increase your gift, start a gift, or have further questions about our work we'd love to talk to you about that.

### Prayer Requests

- Praise God for an encouraging and building summer season.
- For our preparation for the fall semester and fruitful outreach to the incoming class at U of I.
- For a additional monthly support.

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