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“Now in putting everything in subjection to him [Jesus], he left nothing outside his control.”
Hebrews 2:8

Greetings! The air is brisk in Michigan today. Fall weather seems to have finally arrived. I am thankful for these few quiet moments to take a deep breath and write this letter to you, because while the weather may have just turned to Fall, the pace of life definitely has been at a full-throttle Fall mode. Gathering leaders, meeting freshmen, planning bible studies, organizing groups, and going on coffee dates are just a few of the whirlwind of activities that have been going on here. And when the pace of life is fast moving, I am not sure about you, but sometimes I can tend to feel a little out of control. Like I am standing in a room while everything is swirling around my head and I am not sure which thing to grab to do first. It's times like these that I especially need the truth of God's Word. I need to remember that the Father has left nothing outside of Jesus' control, and therefore I can release what semblance of control I think I have. I don't have to be superwoman and save the day everywhere. God doesn't need me to do that. He's got His hand on all the different facets of my life and ministry and is crafting them for His glory. That alleviates a lot of the pressure I put on myself to pull everything off all of the time, and allows my soul to be at ease — even in the midst of a busy season. May we all find the rest God has for us as we daily depend on Him and acknowledge His sovereign hand in our world. Thankful to be on the journey with you!



If you bring games and food, they will come! We are praising God that close to 100 student athletes came out to our AIA kick off party earlier this month. There were so many new faces there and we are looking forward to plugging them in!



This generation of students loves to serve! We were encouraged that a bunch of them joined us on a Saturday this month to help renovate a home in Detroit as part of our partnership with MACC Development.



Oh, how I wish you could meet the students in this picture! They are (most of!) this year's core leaders who will be leading their peers in weekly discipleship groups this fall. Those groups kicked off this week and there are some fun "God" stories coming out of them:

Aubrey, a senior on the rowing team, Facetimed me the morning after her group met. With beaming eyes she told me how one of her international teammates was walking by the porch where her group was meeting the night before. When Aubrey extended an invitation for her to join in with them, the teammate was hesitant because she didn't have a religious background. After a few moments of thought, she bravely walked up onto the porch to sit in the circle with the other girls. Aubrey explained how this girl went from hesitant, to slowly warming up to everyone, to actively participating in the discussion.

She left that night with joyful tears in her eyes, having experienced the love of God through those girls. Please pray with us that she returns for some more!



Pictured to the left is Dylan, a senior on the lacrosse team. Dylan is a product of "disciples making disciples", which is a vision we have for AIA at Michigan. We pray that as we pour into students, that they would in turn pour into others, who would pour into others...

You see, Dylan was a part of Sam's discipleship group last year. Being that it was his senior year, Sam was trusting that God would raise up men from his group to lead this year in his absence.

Well, God answered Sam's prayers and three men from his group are now leading discipleship groups this year! This picture is from when Dylan stood up at our large group monthly gathering and shared his journey of faith, encouraging his peers to get involved in a discipleship group. We are so proud of Dylan and his steps of faith!

Please pray...

...for the student-led discipleship groups. Pray that as God's Word goes forth, many lives would be impacted eternally.

...for our student leaders to be protected in their faith and to remain faithful and encouraged. Their names are: Aubrey Amber, Lauren, Sophie, Olivia, Naomi, Delaney, Avery, Jordan, Cole, Colton, Job, Jackson, Dylan, Kyler, Joseph, Jack and Greg.

...for us as we meet with freshmen over the next month. Pray they would feel loved by us and that we would have opportunities to share the gospel.

...for our kids to grow to be faithful followers of Jesus. Pray God would give them deep Christian friendships.

...for us to be united in our marriage and to find our first love in Jesus.



Our whole family was able to travel to see Mikayla's Marist College volleyball team play at Virginia Tech over Labor Day weekend! It was so wonderful to see her and to hear about how well she is doing in her freshman year of college. Thank you, Lord!

Thank you for all you do to make this ministry possible! May God's blessing be upon you!