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“And he [Jesus] said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”

Matthew 4:19

Happy Fall! In preparation for writing this month’s letter, I just scrolled through the pictures on my phone in order to jog my memory about what has taken place this month (maybe that’s a sign I am getting older!). And phew...there has been a lot going on! October has seen us settle into a weekly rhythm of our student led discipleship groups. There are currently 27 groups being led at EMU and UM and our leaders are consistently sharing stories with us about how God is at work among their peers that are in attendance. I wish you could sit across the table from some of our student leaders and witness for yourself how faithful, eager and genuine they are. They encourage and inspire me in my faith for sure! Along with the weekly discipleship groups, this month there have been lots of other ways our students could plug into the ministry. Enjoy the pictures and captions below and know that God is using your partnership to make an eternal deposit into the lives of many young people here in Michigan!



Speaking of faithful, eager and genuine leaders...you would be hard pressed to find a group that fits that description better than this one! Here are the Michigan women core leaders. We meet together weekly on these college couches to discuss scripture, equip for ministry, and encourage and pray for one another.

Pictured (going around the couch from left to right) are: Me, Alyssa (basketball), Campbell (soccer), Erin & Calli (lacrosse), Sophie (soccer), Sydney (dance), Maddy & Tacey (rowing), Jadyn (cc/track), Kelsey (field hockey). I love these beautiful ladies!

This generation LOVES to serve! Pictured below on the left is one of the discipleship groups who, on their own initiative, set up a time to make blankets for families at the Ronald McDonald House. Pictured on the right is Zach, Aaronson and Erik, who spent last Saturday afternoon volunteering at Mack Ave Community Church (our partner church in Detroit) at their harvest party for kids in the neighborhood. So proud of all these students for the ways they give back!





This month the second annual AIA Crossover event took place gathering students together from over 10 colleges in the state of Michigan. There's a lot of synergy and encouragement that come with knowing there are others who follow Jesus around the state!



Nat, Kelsey & me at the Crossover event. Kelsey has been pouring into Nat, her younger teammate, now for over a year, and it is hugely encouraging to see Nat takes steps of faith!

Giving students the opportunity to come to a "real" house always brings a smile to our face...and theirs! A few weeks back we hosted a dessert, game and bonfire night at our place for both campuses, and it was a hit!. Watching students who walked in a bit shy begin to open up as they made new friends, played games, roasted s'mores and jumped on our trampoline was a definite highlight for me!



I love this picture to the left, as it reminds me that God brings the world to college campuses! These ladies are part of the EMU basketball d group & pictured are Ruby and Paula, 2 of the 9 international players on the team. Reaching the nations with the gospel is happening right here in our backyard!



Please pray...
...for the many students involved in our weekly discipleship groups. Pray their hearts would be propelled to follow Jesus all the more as we study the book of Matthew together. Pray also for those non-believers who are coming regularly. Pray they would see the beauty of Christ and place their faith in Him.
...for the upcoming freshman lunches we are hosting at our house for both campuses. Pray many would come, that people would experience the love of Christ, and that lasting friendships would be formed.
...for our annual Operation Christmas Child wrapping party on Nov. 18th.
...for Jesus to be our first love and for unity as we lead.



Proud parent moment: Both Jackson & Mikayla are helping to lead athletic ministries on their college campuses. At Kalamazoo College & Marist University, like many other campuses across the country, they are seeing record numbers of students interested in God and attending weekly fellowship & teaching gatherings.

Your faithful partnership is what makes this ministry happen! We are so grateful! May God bless you richly!