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“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

Greetings from our family to yours! Each month as I sit down to write this letter I take out my phone and begin to scroll through my picture library. I do this to remind myself of what has gone on in our lives since I last wrote as I am very prone to forget! To be honest, prior to looking at this month’s pictures, I couldn’t recall many people or events to write about. However, now I am seeing that May has actually been quite full and rich with wonderful experiences and ministry! So this letter will be a picture gallery of sorts, highlighting the adventures God has taken us on. Thank you for being on this journey with us! Your support is invaluable to the mission here!



The end of April saw us take another group of student athletes to speak at a local church’s youth group. They were interviewed panel-style by the youth pastor and were able to share on topics dealing with identity, representing Christ, finding time for God, and Scriptures that have been meaningful to them. They did great and we trust God to grow the seeds that were planted!



Left: This gorgeous group is all but one of the female leaders at UM this year. We met up one last time in May to send off our graduating seniors. World changers. All of them! **Middle:** You will not find a sweeter, more servant-hearted person than Lisa, who has faithfully run our Michigan AIA Instagram account this year. We were able to watch her run her final track meet before she heads to Pittsburgh for her grad year. **Right:** We praise God that our son Jackson chose to be baptized this month at his local church! He has grown tremendously in his faith during his years in college and is currently leading the AIA ministry there.



We shifted from our regular ministry programming into our Summer AIA meetings this month. For the next few months we will be hosting weekly gatherings in our home for EMU and UM student athletes who are in town. Connecting with God and connecting with others will be our focus, and the group pictured above are just a few who joined us last week to connect over s'mores as we studied the burning bush account in Exodus. Pictured on the right are Ella & Jady. Jady has been an AIA student leader for the past two years and this month I sat down with Ella to challenge her to step into leadership next year, too. God continues to raise up student leaders who are passionate about growing in Christ and reaching out to others! Yay!



We work with a very “nuptial” population of people and we count it an honor and privilege when students ask us to conduct their premarital counseling. We have been meeting with Caleb and Lyndsey since the fall and were blessed to attend their beautiful wedding a few weeks back. Colby was asked to officiate the wedding and it was so sweet to see him standing up there with these two precious young people who are committed to putting Christ first in their marriage!



Moriah had a big month playing one of the 3 little pigs in her school's performance of Shrek Jr. one weekend, and heading to prom the next!

Please pray...

...for our summer AIA meetings, as well as EMU football bible studies taking place this summer. Pray lives would be transformed by God and His Word. Pray also that God-centered relationships among students would be deepened.

...for Caleb and Lyndsey as they start their life together as a married couple. Pray for protection and provision.

...for Colby and the team of 3 others who are preparing to travel with AIA to Central Asia next month. Pray for wisdom in planning. Pray God would prepare the hearts of those they will meet.

...for God to deepen our trust and dependence upon Him, and that He would be our first love.

...for our kids' hearts to run after Jesus.

As you look at these pictures, know you are a huge part of them. We are grateful for your partnership!



How are we old enough to have a college graduate?!? Mikayla graduated summa cum laude with her degree in social work from Marist University last week. All of us (minus Jackson) traveled to NY to be there to celebrate. Now on to grad school to pursue her Masters in social work! We are so proud of her!!