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Riesenberg Review

Hey team, I hope you had a great holiday season and the new year is off to a great start. The impending winter storm sweeping across the midwest might keep you inside for the next few days, so I thought I would send you some reading material :). I highlighted below some encouraging things that took place later on in fall semester. Hope you find it encouraging!

Fall Retreat

We were able to have our annual fall retreat again this year! We ventured to Camp Cotubic where we had space to get away from campus and engage with the Lord and community. It seemed to be really life bringing for students as they were able to get away from campus and have set aside time to engage with Jesus! It was fun to see people connect and relationships form. For our team specifically, it was really bonding and set a good pace for us as a community when we came back to campus.



Residency Retreat

H2O Church has a two year residency program for people that are thinking about entering into vocational ministry, or who are excited about spending a couple of years on campus reaching out to students. I chipped in a little bit with the program last year, and this year I am leading it. We have eight people in the program right now. I got to take them on retreat where we went to visit a H2O

Church plant at Ohio University (planted by H2O Church - Bowling Green). We got to partner with the team there as we went out on campus and engaged students in spiritual conversations. It was an amazing experience.

Talking to students on campus was life bringing and envisioning. We also got to ask the church plant team questions about what it is like to plant a church. The residence found that very helpful as many of them are currently considering what it would look like for them to be part of church plant in the coming years.



Well Closing Ceremonies

We had 30 students participate in the Well fall semester. The Well is designed to help students engage with what it looks like to follow Jesus on campus. During the six



weeks of The Well we talk about what it looks like to:

- be a community that is filled with grace
- passionate about worshiping God
- is transformed by God
- that strives to serve others
- that is sent to the campus, city and world
- that is full of faith in God's power

After the sixth week we had a big dinner to celebrate everyone that participated in it (that picture is on the right :)!)

Prayer Requests

- For the students mental health. A lot of people are struggling with high anxiety and depression.
- For students to prioritize finding rest in Jesus in the midst of the business of life.
- It's crazy, but spring break is a little over a month away. H2O is providing two trips this year (Florida & the Smoky Mountains). Could you pray that we are able to go on the trips, that no one gets sick leading up to or on the trips, for safe travels, that students would encounter Jesus in a personal way on the trips, and for good weather :).



**Thankful to be teamed up with
you!**

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