

## The Great Adventure

The first ever H2O fall retreat, themed 'The Great Adventure,' was truly an adventurous weekend. God faithfully answered our prayers and brought 81 people to the retreat, six more than we had been praying for! To give you an idea of how much God moved, our team did not know 50 of these students more than a month before the retreat. The Great Adventure was a mix of challenging teachings, dynamic worship, and times of building friendships and community.

One talk focused on God's grace and the truths He has for us in the Word, specifically in Ephesians 1:4-8. The speaker revealed 10 truths about ourselves in this passage. We were all challenged to believe these truths and live them out each day.

On Saturday afternoon, we had an H2O olympics, which was a competition between the three H2O churches that were in attendance at the retreat: Bowling Green, Kent State, and OSU. We played six different games, all of which forced us to work together on our team of 10 to do



some crazy activity. My team, pictured here, tried hard at the first five events, but our true strength came out at the very end: the tug-of-war. Our seemingly lackluster team came together in strength to pull ourselves to a second place victory.

It was not the final placing that made the event; however, it was the community that formed because of our success. After the rest of the OSU teams had lost, they gathered around our team and cheered their hearts out to encourage us. Our group came together, as a church, to cheer each other on. God used this crazy activity to build a community at the retreat that has continued back on campus.

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■ *For he chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love, He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will—to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. (Ephesians 1:4-8)*  
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to share the gospel with three unbelieving women. All three are seeking to find truth in Jesus. We are reading through John with two of them so they have the opportunity to read the gospel directly from the Bible. Please pray for them, that they might believe and come to know Jesus Christ.

*Thank you* for your prayer and financial support of GCM's ministry at OSU. I would not be here without you. Be sure to check out my blog for more stories and pictures!

## 2|42 North

Our 2|42 north community is growing each week. God continues to show us His faithfulness in many ways. At the beginning of the quarter, we had 15 students on the team. Now, each week we regularly have more than 50 students who attend small group and / or the 2|42 meeting on Thursday night.

My small group is developing into a tight-knit group of women. Each week, we spend time together sharing our lives and talking more in depth about the talk on Sunday morning.

Our Thursday night meetings include outreach events like an ice cream social and a Halloween party, as well as times to connect with God through worship, prayer, and short talks about community, leadership, and the persecuted church.

In the past few weeks, God has used me

### Praise God:

- For a community building, envisioning, challenging, and fun fall retreat
- That students are not just coming to church, but are getting involved with small groups
- For the opportunity to share the gospel with multiple unbelievers
- 3 people with 2|42 north have come to know Jesus Christ this quarter

### Ask God:

- To establish a healthy, vibrant, community through H2O on campus
- For 7 more students involved with 2|42 north to come to know Jesus Christ this school year
- To develop leaders for 2|42 north so we can provide six small groups for students
- To reveal himself to Tara, Cynthia, and Jennifer (women who have heard the gospel and are seeking to find out who the real Jesus is)

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