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Friends and Family,

Hello from Whitewater, Wisconsin! As some of you know, I moved up to Wisconsin two months ago, along with my coworkers Noah and Katie Haas, to help build a Navigators Christian ministry for students on the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus. Noah has been a friend and mentor to me over the past 4 years while I was a student at the University of Illinois, as he was on the Navs staff team there. He and Katie accepted an offer to move up to Whitewater this summer and, upon my graduating, asked me to join their staff team. Since accepting the job, the past few months have been a whirlwind of new life experiences – from traveling throughout the summer in order to raise support for my new position, to moving and adjusting to a new place, to working to start up a new ministry on a new campus.

My work here is diverse, including evangelizing on campus, giving messages for large group meetings, leading our worship music team, leading Bible studies, and mentoring students one-on-one. However, my main area of focus is incoming freshmen and helping them to follow Christ as college students. I started the school year asking the Lord for one main request: that He would give us 10 freshmen who would invest themselves into the ministry and become the foundation for the future growth of the UWW Navs. Lo and behold, at our first freshman event, we had exactly 10 students come! And since then, we've had many more join. Our Navs group now has about 40 students. This is incredibly encouraging for us, especially when we remember that we started the first week with only 5.

I am mentoring one of the guys in my freshman Bible study named Jake, who you can see with me in the picture to the right. He has been so ready to grow in his faith, and I've been able to challenge and help him toward that goal, just like Noah did for me when I was at U of I. Jake and I meet once or twice each week to read Scripture, pray together, and encourage each other. Two verses I've used as focal point for our time are 2 Timothy 3:16-17, which say, "all Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be equipped for every good work." It's my prayer that Jake, and the other students in our ministry, will be equipped through the Navs ministry so that they may follow the Lord into the good works He has prepared for them.

Would you join me in this prayer? Thank you all for your prayers for myself, Noah and Katie, and the students. I'd also like to especially thank those who have helped support me financially: you are quite literally the foundation that my work with the Navs is built on. If you're interested in helping support the work I'm doing financially, you can find more info by clicking on the "help support" heading at nickatnavs.wordpress.com. Again, thank you all so much!



Jake Demman and I after one of our weekly Bible studies

Gratefully,

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