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Update From Serving at h2o Church



This Summer has been such a blessing! From Colorado, to the University of Akron, to the Schlereth's kitchen table God has been on the move in us. Let me tell you about it!

Every Summer H2O at Akron joins with other collegiate churches and H2O's from other campuses in a summer long spiritual leadership training program hosted at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. This event holds special meaning to both Kelley and I, having been very impactful on us as students. This summer we sent out three Akron students to join close to 150 others in this incredible program- and the Schlereth family got to join them! Our family piled into our Ford Focus and road tripped to the Rockies for the first three weeks of the LT program.

We helped our Akron students get settled and I took charge of the audio production, getting everything set up and running for multiple worship and teaching sessions each week. By the time we left I was able to train another LT staffer and some students so they could serve and keep things running without me. We took several family hikes and returned home with great memories and feeling very refreshed.



Here on campus we have had the biggest summer turn out yet! We have had about 20 students regularly involved in our Lifegroup, and have had really healthy

rhythms each week of community service, spiritual disciplines, worship and volleyball on campus to reach outside H2O :^)



On the home front we have been working to establish healthy rhythms as well. In an effort to prioritize seeking God in prayer and scripture we have begun a devotional open house. Three days a week we open our doors, put on the tea kettle and make toast to fuel early morning devotional times before the kids wake up. It has been challenging(6AM is early for the Schlereths) but invigorating to have students and neighbors alike reading God's word and sharing our devotional experiences together before praying and starting the day.

Later this month thousands of new students will be flooding campus and H2O is doing everything we can to reach them. **Please pray** as we prepare that:

- students would be receptive to H2O community and the gospel
- our staff retreat (August 7-9) is spirit filled and life giving as we pray and plan for the Fall
- our annual Blitz Conference (Aug 11-12) spurs student leaders to share Christ's love and truth

We thank God for all your love, prayers and support!



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