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## Update From Serving at h2o Church



Our times have been strange, different, and increasingly challenging. Maybe you can relate. I smile though, when I reflect on the semester pre-covid.

One highlight was our annual H2O Network Men's and Women's retreats! It is so special getting hundreds of ladies or men together to meet with God and seek to see ourselves as He sees us. This year we had 25 ladies from Akron participate, and a record breaking 35 Akron men participate. I was blown away by the turn out and engagement of our men. Seeing the older students pursue and challenge the younger students of their own initiative was so uplifting. All the men from my bible study came (which I couldn't believe) and Ralph, who had only come to a handful of our meetings, shared that Manmaker was the most spiritually impactful time of his life.

In this season I do lament the loss of ministry opportunities, like canceled spring break mission trips, and baptism. But in all the uncertainty, God is still certain. He is still strong, still for us and still with us. And so we have adapted to continue to hold unwaveringly to this hope, to grow in it and share it. Some have asked if I am now on vacation since the University has been closed for weeks now. The answer is very much no. I am actually busier than ever!

***"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." -Hebrews 10:23***

We have resolved to continue seeking God individually and in community, but digitally- thank God for the internet right now! This includes our weekly discipleship groups, lifegroups, and prayer meetings. We also seek to provide daily video devotionals from one of our staff. If interested, please follow us on H2O Akron's social media or visit [www.vimeo.com/h2oakron/videos!](http://www.vimeo.com/h2oakron/videos!)

In addition, we are also seeking to leverage this time and build momentum in the H2O Church Network by joining other H2O churches across the state for our Sunday services. If you would like to join us live at 10:30am just go here! [www.youtube.com/h2ochurchbg](http://www.youtube.com/h2ochurchbg).



***\*\*Above is our last in-person lifegroup the night classes were canceled. We gathered to read scripture, pray and worship. What a sweet sweet time we cannot wait to return to!***

As a family we have been pretty stationary at home since pregnant Kelley and Josiah with asthma are at higher risk with covid. Adjusting to homeschooling Josiah and keeping away from friends has been difficult for us all.

### **Please pray...**

- for uprooted students who are spiritually isolated or don't have spiritual support at home
- for our H2O staff and I as we continue to try new methods of ministry in this season of separation
- for the health and sanity of our family, as we adapt like many of you are
- for faith for all of us to remain generous to those in need in this uncertain time as God is so generous to us.

**We are praying for you and your families as we know you are praying for ours, we thank God for all of you!**



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