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Update From Serving at h2o Church



H2O Sunday servants and leaders gather to pray before our Christmas service. We had many fresh faces join us!

We hope this letter finds you the Christmas season! It is so fun to take time to look back and share all God has done the past year at H2O Akron and beyond with our network of churches! This has been an amazing year with H2O. We have watched people come to know Christ and be baptized, grow as leaders, and churches raised up and planted. Here are some highlights:

- H2O Akron on Sunday: 70+ students gather each week to worship God on a secular campus
- H2O Groups: 60+ students gathering weekly over a meal to discuss scripture and pray as a campus family pursuing God's mission!
- Missions Trips: Kelley and I led a group of 18 to serve and share God's love, providing hurricane relief in Puerto Rico over Spring Break.
- Men's and Women's Retreats: 400 Men and 500 Women in attendance at our H2O Network Retreats.
- Church Planting: This fall marks the 10 year anniversary of the H2O Network. We now have 12 churches with new plants at the University of Indiana and Western Michigan University this past fall!
- Sundays at All Network Churches: Every Sunday there are 2000 students worshipping at an H2O church around the state of Ohio and beyond! Hard to believe that 10 years ago we were one church of under 200 people back in Bowling Green! God has been faithful!

While the numbers are great, the thing we cherish even more are the stories of God at work in student's lives. Brice is a student I have been meeting with weekly to disciple. This past semester he took a class on Heroes.



Brice getting ready to hand out donations to Akron's homeless population.

Part of the final project in the class was to do something heroic. It struck me that his first reaction wasn't to go out and start doing things himself, but it was to look to the church. He asked for the help of H2O and organized the donation of hundreds of hygiene items that he then helped distribute to the homeless at a shelter on Thanksgiving day.

In a similar way you all have been so generous, and heroic, sacrificing to help us bring the Gospel of Jesus to campus. Thanks go out to you, and praise to God as we've seen over \$2000 in special gifts and 3% increase in monthly giving since our last update.

Please continue to ask God if he might use you to help reach our year end \$6000 special giving goal or start/increase your monthly giving to move us toward 100% funded!

Lastly keep in prayer our newest H2O at the University of Indiana. A team from Akron and other H2Os are going to spend a few days of their winter break doing outreach and anything they can to push this new plant forward leading up to their first Sunday service on campus January 13!



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