

CONNECTING WITH THE COLEMANS

Serving with  in La Crosse, WI

Who is Your Armor Bearer?

It was a cold, wet and rainy day much like most days are in March. Students have been starving for community as their campuses have put covid restrictions in place. Their spring breaks cancelled and most of their learning moved online. As I've met with students it has become abundantly clear that students are craving community. They are craving being able to hangout, share life and laugh together again. So the last week of March we held a men's retreat for a day at Living Waters Bible Camp. Masks were worn, social distancing was encouraged, but we were together! Our purpose was to immerse men into fellowship and community. I (Kyle) gave a talk based on Jonathan's armor bearer in 1 Samuel 13 & 14 and challenged guys to be men who fight alongside each other, care for each other, and trust each other. After my talk one student came up to me and said, "This talk was great! It reshaped how I view accountability and having close guys close to me who are strong in their faith and vice versa." Another guy left having talked to his friend Mattias about being armor bearers for each other! This was an answer to prayer. Guys came feeling isolated and alone and left with community and new lasting friendships! Of the 30 men who came we have seen a large number of them engage and apply for leadership in our ministry next fall!



Men competing in a game of volleyball at our men's retreat.

Women's Event

The women also had an event. April 9th, the ladies gathered with around 30 women. We had a training time on how to share your testimony. The women then wrote their own personal faith stories and then shared them with each other in hopes that they would continue

to share outside of our event. And then there was an epic leg wrestling tournament! It was so much fun and has been requested that we do it annually. The room radiated excitement and joy. It was good to be together again!



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