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It's mid-August here in Chicago. That means the days are busy catching up with students and preparing for a new school year. It was a big summer for me and I thought I'd give you a quick update before the start of a new year.



We have quite a few new people on our staff team. This fall we'll add 6 new staff or interns to our team to join the seven of us who will return from last year. I'm so excited to have additional laborers and expect that God will use us to get to even more campuses and reach many more students. We had the opportunity last week to get to know one another and get ready for the year on our staff retreat. Those on the top row of this picture are still working on their financial support, please pray that they can report to Chicago very soon.

I bought a condo. When my lease expired in the spring I decided that it would be a good investment to purchase a home rather than continue to rent. God has blessed me with a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo in Chicago's Garfield Park neighborhood, which is a beautiful up and coming community. I've found roommates for two of the rooms, which helps keep my payments close to what I was paying for rent. Please note my new address.



The majority of my summer was spent working on the Chicago Summer Project. Joe Ellis (above) returned to the project for a second year. He was my roommate this year after discipling him the previous summer. He is the key student leader at Muskingum College in Ohio, and it was fun to hear about how being on the project last year had an impact on his campus.



I've attended quite a few weddings this summer. Above I'm pictured with Michael Wangler, a student I worked with the last two years at Benedictine, his wife Paula, and Kendra Dolk, who is on staff at the University of Illinois and discipled Paula. Seeing our students get married, Kendra and I kind of felt like proud parents in a way. Paula and Mike desire to do missions work in Africa.