

Athletes in Action

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“As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.”

John 15:19b

Happy summer! It's so good to finally have warmer temps around Michigan again. Everyone's spirits seem to be up with the weather here and it's been great to be able to funnel the kids outside to play. Summer in Ann Arbor is a special time — the campus feels more relaxed, there's a plethora of people sitting outside at restaurants and coffee shops, and there's no shortage of outdoor events and activities. We love it here! I also really enjoy the summer months of ministry, as our schedule is changed up a bit and it is fun to see how God is moving. We are hosting weekly AIA summer gatherings every Tuesday night for student athletes who are around in the summer semesters and every week we've had a different group of people that come to dig into God's Word with us. I am loving it! We are using a video series by pastor and writer Francis Chan, and God has been using him to speak to these students in such powerful ways. Chan has been challenging us to think about topics such as God's existence and character, why bad things happen if He is good, and our individual purpose on earth...yes, big topics! You can just see the looks of wonder on the student's faces as they grapple with these questions and look to the bible for answers. It truly is a privilege to come alongside them in it. Thank you for the part you play in writing on these student's hearts for eternity!



Students digging into God's Word at our summer AIA gathering.

You may remember seeing the woman to the right in our newsletters this time last year. We met Vendji on our 2018 spring break trip to South Africa as we went there trusting God to find students to lead AIA in Cape Town. God led us to Vendji on that trip and now this is the second year in a row that she has come to the U.S. to be a part of one of our AIA Ultimate Training Camps! On her way to intern at the UTC this month in Colorado, she swung through Michigan to see us. So special. Please continue to pray with us for the ministry in South Africa!



Ultimate Training Camp

This month saw Colby gone for almost two weeks in Ohio at one of our AIA Ultimate Training Camps. During the UTC, student athletes from around the country experience incredible Christian community while being challenged to apply biblical principles to their competition. The idea of combining faith and sport is not something that most athletes think about, so it is a challenging week for them to think about what drives them to play their sport and begin to replace that motivation with worship of our God.

This year, we were SO excited that three Michigan student athletes took part in the camp!! Hearing their stories of how God met them there has brought so much joy to my heart! Bri (track), Priscilla (basketball) and Mitchell (gymnastics) are no doubt going to make an eternal impact on this campus as they share about what they learned and challenge others to hold tight to the Lord.



Mitchell, Shaina (Michigan AIA volunteer staff who went as the athletic trainer), Colby, Bri and Priscilla



"My heart is so full after an unforgettable week at The Ultimate Training Camp. In just one week God taught me so much and I saw Him move in ways like never before. It was so refreshing to learn how to glorify God through sport and everyday life alongside like minded people who have hearts for Him. So many memories made in such a short amount of time. I feel like I've known each of them for a lifetime and I'm grateful for my new family ♡ All week and through a 20 hour workout I got to grow with such special people and witness God moving in their hearts and mine. During this workout we were broken down in every way and had to trust and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to get us through. God has taught me so much this week and I am so glad that this camp allowed me to experience Him on a deeper level. I feel so free and wouldn't trade this experience for the world. My life is forever changed! 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Freedom' 2 Corinthians 3:17" ~Bri's Facebook post after her time at the UTC

Please pray...

...for Bri, Priscilla and Mitchell as they return to campus after the UTC. Pray they would be protected from spiritual attack. Pray God will use them mightily in the lives of their peers.

...for our AIA summer gathering. Pray many new students would come to check it out. Pray God would use His Word to change lives.

...for our children's hearts to be soft to the Lord.

...for good time of connection in our marriage.

*We appreciate you and your partnership!
God's richest blessings be upon you!*

