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“...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people,”
1 Timothy 4:7-10

Hello again! As I write this letter today, sounds of cheering and frustration are echoing up the hallway from our living room as Colby and Jackson (our son home for spring break) passionately watch the March Madness basketball games together. It’s kind of crazy to think how much of our country’s population is so intently watching these 18-23 year olds compete in their sport. Sometimes it’s easy to forget just how young these athletes are and to remember that along with entertaining us on the court, they are also walking through “normal” life stuff — peer pressures, acceptance issues, identity formation, adulthood and career decisions, and the list goes on. When you peel back the layers sport puts on them, each one of them has a heart begging for love, purpose and belonging (just like the rest of us!). Colby and I don’t take lightly that we have been called to work with this population on our campuses. Not only are we passionate about bringing gospel truths that will transform these young lives, but we also realize the scope of the audience these student athletes influence. Whether it’s on a national stage like March Madness, or simply with young fans in the stands, people are watching these impressionable 18-23 year olds with a close eye. In Athletes in Action we believe that “a society looking up to athletes as heroes must find those heroes looking up to God.” Thank you for being in the battle with us as we trust God to mold and shape these young lives for His glory. May He work IN them *and* THROUGH them to bring His Kingdom here on earth!



Maleah (pictured 4th one in on the right), is our leader on the EMU track team. She is shepherding her team so well spiritually and has influenced 2 of the other girls pictured to attend the AIA Ultimate Training Camp this summer. Can’t wait to see how those two girls will be shaped as leaders because of it!



When I asked our Michigan student leaders to pray together, I just had to capture the sweetness of it in these pics. These leaders are really going for it in their faith and are actively trusting God to use them in the lives of their peers.



Jadyn, our leader on the UM track team, shared a testimony this month at our large group gathering about trusting God through her injury. Very relatable to this group of often injured athletes!





Carla, Maddy, Bela



Chase, Dom, Jayden, Gabe

Pictured above is one of four Faith Foundation groups I lead weekly. These groups are made up of students who range from pastor's kids to very new believers. What unites them all is a desire to grow in the foundational aspects of the Christian faith.

I love all the groups, but what makes this one extra special is the fact that we got to know Carla and Maddy via our international student athlete Thanksgiving two years ago. Through that dinner, walls were broken down for each of them to begin to explore questions they had about God. And as a result they both have placed their faith in Christ in the last year!

Carla and Maddy are literal sponges, soaking in all the information they can get about how to live in Christ. Last week they shared how they keep learning more and more about God's design for the Christian life that the need to "level up" is becoming more apparent. We likened that to "keeping in step with the Spirit" as Paul outlines in Galatians.

May God's Spirit continue to work in these precious lives as they seek Him!

At this month's EMU large group gathering, Chase, a junior on the football team, shared his story of faith. Coming from a family that went to church, Chase shared that faith was just something he did because he was supposed to. However, after coming to EMU and being introduced to teammates who had genuine faith in Christ, Chase was propelled to think about Christianity in a different way. "One night," he explained, "a bunch of us just got together and talked about God for about four hours. I never experienced anything like that before." He placed his faith in Christ in the fall of 2023 and has been leading others spiritually ever since. Go God!



This has been a successful few months for the Keeper kids and their basketball! Not only did Jaydon's team make it to the state quarterfinals, but pictured below are Jairus and Mia with their school's conference trophies. To top it off, we attended Jackson's college bb banquet where he received a coach's award for teamwork and commitment. #Proud :)



Please pray...

...for our students leaders at EMU and UM. Pray they would be attentive to God's voice as they lead. Pray God would give them opportunities to influence others in the places He has them.

...for the many groups that are meeting on these campuses. Pray God would use His Word to grow His people here.

...for wisdom and endurance for us as we finish up the winter semester and send off the seniors.

...for God to guide our son Jaydon in his college decision process.

...for us to have Jesus be our first love.

We are so grateful for you and what you do to make it possible for us to minister full-time. Thank you!