



Dear Friends,

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This picture is worth a thousand words because of when it was taken...**5:45AM!** The reason we are practicing so early is because there is extremely limited gym space available due to COVID. As a way to overcome many obstacles, I proposed an early morning practice and surprisingly everyone agreed. We have around 25 wonderfully diverse players from around Nashville who rise up early, build their faith in God and develop their game at the same time.

In the midst of this, I received a text “out of the blue” (haha) last week from one of the player’s dads. (Please read it to the right). I laughed to myself when I read “not sure if this is the kind of thing you might do” because he has no idea how much I pray for these opportunities. Last week, I sat down with him to listen to his journey and offer my perspective on faith in Jesus Christ. It was a wonderful start for his faith and desire to know God. Please keep me in prayer as I continue to reach out and share with him the love and power of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Hey Dave  
This is out of the blue but I was wondering if I could talk to you about my personal faith. Not sure about your schedule but if this is the kind of thing you might do, maybe lunch or a beer somewhere? Thoughts?

Hi Dave,  
I just wanted to say thank you for the time you put into Uptime. Our daughter is absolutely loving it. Her confidence is growing and we are seeing an improvement in her desire to try new things and being ok with making mistakes and failure. She needed this BIGTIME as it has allowed her to feel safe in a non intimidating space so she can grow. Thank you!

Also, I received this text as well last week and it shows how God can use the game of volleyball to help players grow in their confidence. It is an answer to prayer to know God is impacting players on multiple levels and encouraging the parents along the way. At each practice, we take time to pray and ask God to help us all grow closer to Him and to each other. By God’s love and grace, we are making an impact.

Please know your faithful partnership in the gospel dramatically impacts people of all ages. YOU ARE a living reminder of God’s faithfulness and love for others. Let’s continue to believe God for transformed lives in 2021.

*Reach Up Reach Out  
in 2021*

Serving with you,

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