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Dear Friends,

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One of our greatest joys is taking time to share with you the exciting work of the Lord in the hearts of young men and women around the world. Pictured above is a high school team that I have served the last couple years. My primary goal is to help each player grow closer to God and to their teammates and we have seen some great opportunities this year. Sports offer such unique opportunities to impact people. As a coach, I can challenge, encourage, correct and pray for a small group over a three month span. Over this time, we have seen kids who struggle with fears, doubts and insecurities learn how to forge new mindsets and new friendships. One parent recently wrote,

"Thank you for your leadership this year and please, please pass along to the other coaches as well! Our daughter fell in love with volleyball in her first year. To see the spark in her eye's and playing with a ball in the backyard again was just awesome. Without going into great detail, the pandemic was especially tough as it has been for many of these young people. We weren't sure if she would rebound. But, volleyball helped bring back her tenacity, work ethic, and enthusiasm. She was dialed in and excited every game whether she was playing or cheering on her teammates! Words cannot express our gratitude to the coaching staff."

In the middle picture is Scott and Jaycee Rhein who just got married this weekend. Scott and I met years ago and I had the privilege to help mentor and "life coach" him over the last 15 years. He played collegiately at Pepperdine where he met his wife and learned how to honor God in so many great ways and now as a new husband. In the picture on the far right is Dakota Hodgson. My son David and I just attended his wedding last week. Dakota was a world class swimmer who swam at USC and against Michael Phelps in the Olympic Trials in 2012. We met while my family ate burgers at Five Guys and it began a great friendship. Dakota prayed earlier that week that God would help him in his faith. I simply asked him, "Let's grab time to talk about your faith." He agreed and we began meeting over the last 5 years discussing faith, trust, seasons of life, and so much more. God truly is the Lord of the Harvest (Matt 9:38).

We are deeply grateful to partner as we continue to reach out and "thanks be to God, who always leads us in Christ's triumphal procession (2 Cor 2:14)." Together we continue to make a lasting difference!

May God Continue to guide Much love, You with strength and courage " Dave and Mandy

Please reach out to let us know how we can pray for you: Dave & Mandy DeRocher 5500 Clovercrest Dr. Brentwood TN 37027 615-480-3279 <u>dave.derocher@uptimeoutreach.org</u>



Our family continues to grow in new ways and we are so thankful for your prayers. Our oldest leaves for boot camp in the Navy, December 8, and he is preparing like crazy for the great upcoming tests in BUDS training immediately following. Olivia continues to learn how to overcome diabetes and organized a diabetes walk with over a hundred of her classmates, teachers and friends. She is pictured speaking to her entire high school about her fight with diabetes and not letting it control her life. Shelby had to step up as a varsity setter this year and helped our team reach the regional tournament this year. Sam continues to bring the lighter side to our family helping us laugh often. Our days are full and we are grateful God's love continues to guide us into new adventures for all of us.