



Blessed to be a Blessing!

Over the past months, it has been such a joy to experience the ways God has allowed us to learn more about hospitality & share our home to encourage and serve others! As we wrapped up the semester in December, we had the opportunity to serve stressed and hungry college students preparing for final exams through a partnership with Upper House (an incredible campus ministry resource at UW). Taco Bar for 250 was a fun adventure and the best part was seeing God shine through our staff team offering peace and joy to students who may have had trouble taking their eyes off their



circumstances in that moment. Another way we got to offer encouragement in the chaos was hosting a study break Christmas Cookie Decorating Night for Edgewood College and UW athletes. Its such a privilege to have them in our home to love and care for them as sort of a home away from home. Yay God!



Pictured on the right is our friend Amy, a former UW Track athlete, who is now a missionary in Kyrgyzstan! Amy is a sweet and courageous sister in the Lord who is shining so faithfully in a very dark place. Just .03% of Kyrgyz people are Christ followers. Two of the women who Amy has shepherded in growing in their faith have sensed the Lord leading them to full time ministry in their home country! Nurzat and Dilshoda came to the US to work on support raising, and it was an honor to have them stay with us and do life with our family. What an example they are to us of trusting God and keeping our eyes locked on Him, not our circumstances.



Transfer Portal... This phrase is becoming more and more common around athletic departments. The landscape of college sports is experiencing a significant shift in the frequency and ease of athletes changing teams/ schools due to recent NCAA rule changes. This impacts our ministry in a variety of ways and we are learning and adapting to the opportunities and challenges it creates. A blessing is that it allows fresh ways to share the Gospel through new relationships. It also becomes an opportunity for sending out athletes who are Christ followers going to new places equipped to share the Good News. It is still hard to say goodbyes to those going out sooner than expected. We are adjusting how we shepherd, because its less guaranteed that we will have the "normal" 4-5 years with an athlete. We also are developing new strategies for connecting with these new transfer students, who are especially wanting community and connection. Another resource we are utilizing in this reality is an article by our

Thank you so much for sending this! Yah it's been a lot, and I have some big decisions to make, but trusting Gods plan is all I can do

friend, Brian Smith. Please check it out and see how we are encouraging athletes to process these big decisions with the Lord.



Sharing Jesus' Love in Albania Jayne has the opportunity to serve over Spring Break with an AIA team going to Albania to help build connections with a Sport University in their capital, Tirana. Prior to the early 1990's, Albania was officially an atheist nation, but the fall of communism has been opening opportunities and sports can be a powerful vehicle to sharing Christ's love!



Please pray with us for...

- athletes and coaches navigating shifts in dynamics created by the transfer portal
- athletes seeking the Lord and wanting to follow His lead in their decisions.
- us to have hearts for hospitality, not entertaining. The Lord is showing us there is a big difference between these and it impacts how people experience their time in our home.
- Jayne in Albania & Kyle and the kids at home March 17-26.

Thank you God for...

- wisdom & strength in the moment

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Thank you for the many ways you continue to partner with us on mission! Much love,

Kyle, Jayne,
AJ, Leisel, George & Simon

