# A WORD FROM

## The Treasure of Team

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Imagine firefighters trying to rescue someone who has fallen into a well...in order for the rescue to be a success, you need one fighter to hold the rope and one to go down and get the person in need. Without either teammate, the rescue doesn't happen. In the midst of this extreme challenge of Covid-19, we are reminded what a treasure it is to have you "holding the rope" for us as our teammates and ministry partners. THANK YOU for being with us and for us as we learn to minister in new ways and on different levels in this crisis! We all are being challenged and refined in this chaos, but moment by moment God is leading us through!

Working with athletes & coaches, we know the value of TEAM... in it together through the good times and also the hard times. One of our favorite parts of being missionaries is that we have so many people like you in this ministry with us! We're able to celebrate the things that God does together, and we're also not alone when things are challenging. Thank you also for being in this difficult season with us. We want you to know that we are with you and in your corner as well! If there are ways we can be more specifically praying for you, please let us know by call or text any time!

#### Life At Home...

So many of us are in the thick of many similar challenges right now. We're learning to navigate being at home all the time, figuring out a new normal with



juggling work & school for kiddos, facing financial uncertainty, and feeling fragile. We are in your corner and very thankful for you as partners in this challenging time. We know that many of us have countless unknowns and are fighting fear by faith, even as its messy and tough. Please know how much we appreciate you and want to be in your corners just as you are on our team too! We had a special "Out of the mouth of babes" reminder the other day when Leisel drew a picture with the caption *"He's got the whole world in His hands"*... This has become a focal point for us in this storm and we hope you're encouraged too!

### <u>Please Pray With Us:</u>

- That we will trust God in the midst of uncertainty & challenge.
- For athletes and coaches seeking a firm foundation in these storms, that they would have a lifechanging encounter with Jesus!

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#### New Methods, Same Mission

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Ministry over the past month has been flipped upside down as Universities have closed. While it is chaotic, we have seen in mighty ways that God is using this time to make His glory known and drawing hearts to Himself. We, like so many of you, are maximizing the resources of Zoom calls, FaceTime, and lots of texting with the athletes & coaches we get to serve. The most encouraging time has been the student leadership Bible study on Monday mornings where we have had such deep and authentic conversations about ways God is refining & growing them and also shining through them in the midst of this crisis. Their teammates and families are asking questions & having conversations with them and many have never been open before this! They are learning to press into the Lord and run to Him in ways they haven't had to before. They are encouraging and speaking truth to one another in community like never before. The past two weeks, they have been going so deep in talking about shame and guilt and battling against the lies that distract or derail them. One student shared, "feasting on the Word has been preparing me for battle." Another student said "when I can just focus on the idea of moment-by-moment, growing my faith muscles, and allowing suffering or pain to develop and





our Old "Normal" the New "Normal"



refine me, I know Jesus will be my advantage- He defines me, not my sin." A key verse that we've been focusing on together is **Psalm 139:23- 24** "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way."

> We appreciate you and we're praying for you too! Thank you so much, Kyle, Jayne, AJ, Leisel & George

