



## Meet Sarah:

*“From the moment I came to Mizzou, God has had such an amazing plan that He has been orchestrating and leading... My purpose hasn't been to run races, to get PR's, or earn athletic awards. My purpose has been to run the race that brings me closer to Jesus and to show others how great He is... As a freshman when everything was going wrong, I thought I had lost my identity because I couldn't run, but later I thankfully realized that my identity was not in running, but it was that I am a child of God and that is all that matters. I am so thankful for all the sadness and hurt I have endured in recent years because if not for those things, I would not have the faith that I do today.”*



Wow! These are some of Sarah's words in a Facebook post as she shared that her upcoming first collegiate race, would also end up being her last collegiate race too. Sarah is a Junior on the Mizzou track team and has been plagued by hip injuries throughout her career. This is what has lead her to trust God when His plan was so incredibly different than her plan. In the process, she has depended on Him and been His instrument in more ways than you can imagine. He has opened up conversations with other injured athletes as Sarah has done her physical therapy and rehab with people she couldn't have connected with if she had not been injured. He has given her a platform of persevering and trusting, which has been impacting MANY around her.

## Winter Retreat Recap:

We packed a few cars and road-tripped to Chicago to join almost 200 other staff and college athletes for the AIA Regional Winter Retreat. Here are some highlights from our students from University of Missouri and Columbia College. Praise God!



**Katie** - *“Opened my heart to start my journey and to walk with Him.”*

(Katie made a decision to follow Jesus for first time! Now she is being disciplined by Sarah, mentioned in the above article.)

**Hunter** - *“Gave me some great tools to go back and try to help spread the word and bring people to Christ.”*

**Rachel** - *“Helped me realize I need to honestly and humbly reevaluate how I am living my life.”*

**Tim** - *“He has been teaching me to be fearless... I am learning that I need to take the step of faith and TRUST that my God will catch me and will not fail me.”*

**Dorian** - *“Gave me community that I yearn for.”*



## Prayer Praises:

- for our family as we continue to adjust to being a family of 5.
- We have 8 students signed up to go on the East Asia Project this summer! Pray for them as we approach our trip in June.



## Prayer Requests:

- For all of the students who will be raising financial support to go on summer opportunities in the coming weeks.
- For God to bring healing and growth as we deal with continued racial tension on campus and in Missouri.

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**We pray in this season of Easter, that God will help you experience Him in a fresh way. This is what it's all about!**

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