A WORD FROM EAM WENIG AUGUST 2017

"WITH" has been a theme word for us this summer...

While it was officially the theme of our CRU bi-annual staff conference, it has also been a great focal point in the midst of our transitions and move to serve with AIA at the University of Wisconsin! Christ WITH us step by step as well as being WITH each other as our family when things sometimes feel crazy and out of control. A phrase we have been using a lot to encourage each other has just been "I'm with you!" It has been so powerful in feeling seen and known when life can feel confusing or hard, as change often is (even when its good change). Tasting and experiencing first-hand that love from the Father (Psalm 34) and also as He uses His people to reveal His love in different moments. At our CRU17 conference, we focused on ONENESS-overcoming the barriers that we experience because of our sins and prejudices, especially cross culturally. This included valuable conversations about being united and growing into understanding how to be "WITH" others, especially in the midst of having different



backgrounds and experiences. We dove deeper in the area of empowering each other to action, not just words, so that we can all experience in new ways how He treasures each of us and wants to draw us deeper in

connection with Himself and each other in community.



ULTIMATE TRAINING CAMP in the TWIN CITIES!

Athletes frequently wrestle with knowing how their relationship with Christ and the Gospel relates to their life. It is our hope to come along side these men and women in ALL areas of their lives and point them to Christ and life found in His Word. One opportunity where we especially focus on the sport / faith component is Ultimate Training Camps (UTC). AIA has taken biblical truths and packaged them into "Principles" or Bible studies that guide us in answering questions like "What motivates me? & How can my sport be worship?". These Principles are the Gospel applied to sport. As we grow in our knowledge and understanding of this, we then apply it in competitive situations.

Jayne had the opportunity this summer to serve at the UTC in the Twin Cities (there are 5 different camps around the country and several in other parts of the world!) While there, she got to help disciple student interns who have attended camp already and now desire to dive deeper, learning ministry skills so they can lead and influence others as they are growing too. Throughout this opportunity, Jayne was being challenged, refined, and growing personally, but she also was blessed to come along side others in their growth process too! One moment especially impacted her, because God used the overflow of what He was doing in her own heart to also influence a volleyball player who was in need of the same truth in a similar moment (pictured right). During what is known as the S.P.E.C.I.A.L (20 hr competition focused on cultivating a dependance on Christ),

Taylor was cramping up and could not compete- she was consumed with feelings of shame and inadequacy because she couldn't "perform" the way she wanted. That experience allowed for Jayne to come along side her and point her to the Truth that conquers the lies that she was being



dominated by. Embracing and trusting that there is NOTHING she could do (or not do) to change how completely and totally loved and accepted she is by the King of Kings!





<u>Growth Through</u> <u>Classes!</u>

We're thankful for AIA/ CRU valuing our personal development and equipping for ministrv! Through Trinity Evangelical Divinity School & CRU, Kyle recently took two condensed/ intensive classes that gave him more tools in the areas of Apologetics and Christian Worldview & Ethics. Both classes were so timely for life and ministry in Madison & at UW!

<u> Prayer Requests:</u>

- for our family to make new friendships in Madison

- for our kids to adjust well to their new school

- as we meet many new people and build relationships with athletes & coaches on campus

- for the hearts & minds of incoming freshman as they set the trajectory for their college career

THANK YOU for continuing to partner with our family as we trust God to see Christ followers on EVERY team, sport, nation.

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