

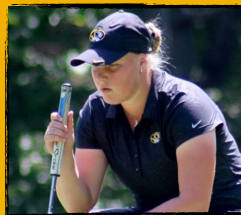


## What Does Success Look Like In Ministry?

We LOVE being in ministry, but an honest struggle is that we don't always know the best way to evaluate our goals. We want to be faithful as we invest our lives, so we set goals, but we also know that "success" in our eyes is often very different from success in God's eyes. (*The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart 1Samuel 16:7*) This time of year is often very intense for us, because we have the privilege of getting in front of as many teams as possible to put the ball in their court. We ask them, via comment cards at a practice, if there is any way we can serve them in developing their spiritual lives. We ask them if they want a spiritual conversation where they can ask questions, or see if they want to know how they can have a personal relationship with God, or if they are seeking a Bible Study. There are times as we follow up these connections that the students just don't really engage, and then there are other times that they are incredibly hungry and want to grow and know more. If we are not careful, we could ride an insane roller coaster of emotions. God has been teaching us so much about HIS steadiness and to trust more in His definition of success. As AIA staff, we've learned that *"successful witnessing is taking the initiative to share the Gospel, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and trusting the results to God."* Success is when we depend on HIM. We are humbled by the opportunities He is opening up for us to depend on Him and share this success/ victory with others.



Following up with these athletes puts us so in awe of God. It is very real to us what a miracle it is when someone is asking faith questions. We are so humbled as we watch Him transforming hearts and minds and freeing people from depending on themselves!



Its not "normal" for people to seek God, so when you connect with a woman like Marit, a golfer from the Netherlands, and you learn that her teammate has just shared the Good News with her, wow, what a moment! And then she says she wants to know what to do next to grow in this new faith, you can't help but say WOW GOD!?! What a blessing to be a part of what You are doing!

Or when you meet with a cheerleader like Christian, who has been growing so much in his hard journey and learning to trust God in new ways. So much has changed in him, that his teammate, Michaela, began to ask questions and God was stirring her heart through a ripple effect. To see her radiant face as her heart and mind were embracing and understanding the Gospel for the first time— receiving that He paid the debt that she could never pay— WOW GOD! These are the moments that bring us to tears and humble our hearts in worship. Please celebrate with us, and also keep trusting with us for more of these moments of God drawing these athletes and coaches to Himself!



### Praise God For:

- New brothers & sisters in Christ.
- Athletes and coaches who are seeking to know Him more.
- Servant team students who are stepping up to lead Bible Studies and sharing their faith.

### Please Pray For:

- Continued wisdom as we follow up with athletes.
- That we would continue to be dependent on the Lord and that we' will "Listen and Obey."



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**THANK YOU** for helping make an impact in the lives of athletes & coaches! To God be the glory!

**Much love,**

Kyle, Jayne, AJ, Leisel & George