



Dear Friends,

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It gives us great joy and excitement to share the goodness of God in the world of young students. The last few months have been FILLED with opportunities to proclaim the gospel to middle school, high school, college, parents, coaches, referees, and so many more. We follow a simple saying, **“Reach Up, Reach Out.”** This is simply the Greatest Commandment Jesus taught in Mark 12:28-31, *“Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Secondly, love your neighbor as you love yourself.”* When we find ourselves in pressured situations, it is helpful to have a simple phrase to help reorient our first focus on Christ (Reach Up). Then, move towards loving others (Reach Out).

One blessing of our outreach is we can offer fantastic opportunities for college students to build their faith and skills before they graduate as coaches for our outreach teams. One girl to highlight is Kristen Mosley, a Lipscomb University senior studying to be an athletic director. Here are a few of her thoughts:



“Uptime has been a faith building experience, and I am so grateful to be involved. Being a coach is such an influential role, and you play a huge factor in these girls' growth of skill and character. The ups and downs are inevitable, but being able to come together as a team at the end of the day and know that the Lord is the only audience that matters makes being a coach so rewarding. Knowing that I want to be an athletic director post-graduation has also helped me see so many connections between my work and the work I want to do. The days can be long, but they never fail to put a smile on my face, and I truly see the light of Jesus shine so bright through this ministry and this experience!”

Amid all the outreach, Mandy and I continue to build our faith and commitment to Christ and others. Our family is doing well, and we are grateful for your prayers. Our oldest, David, trains hard in the U.S. Navy in Virginia Beach. Olivia and Shelby are looking to transfer from community college to a four-year university. Sam is in 10th grade and just returned from a mission/school trip to the UK, serving a local church there.

We thank God for your love and partnership in the gospel. You are a gift from the Lord, and we cherish your friendship. Please let us know how we can pray for you!

Thank you with all our hearts!

Much love,

Dave & Mandy

Prayer requests:

1. We are praying for coaches and players who want to go deeper in faith and get baptized!
2. Wisdom on next steps of outreach involving volleyball devotional and summer camps.



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