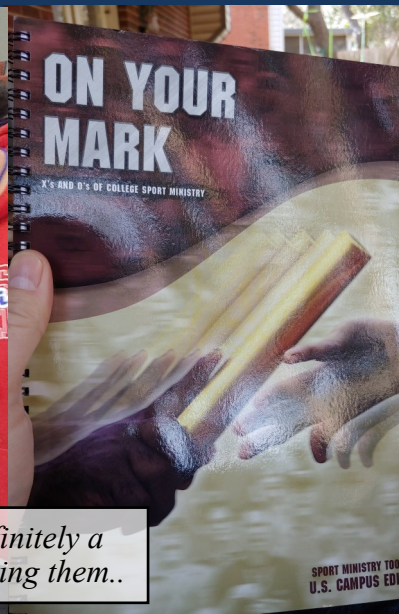
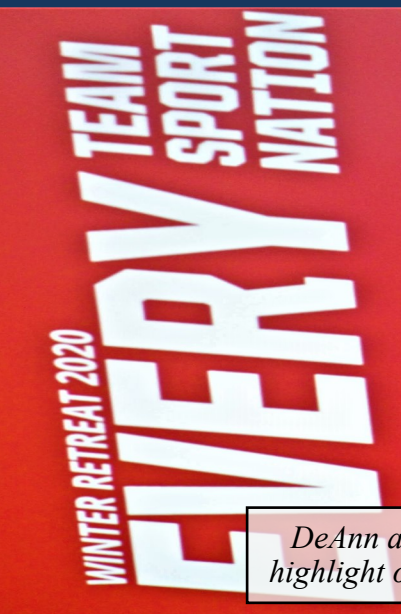




Notes from Dan and DeAnn

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DeAnn and I both got to work with a small group of student athletes. Definitely a highlight of the retreat as we helped them process what the Lord was teaching them..

To and Through.

Full contact tic-tac-toe was just one of the ways we realized we had stepped into a different world. I don't think it was designed to be full contact, but I've never seen a group of people as engaged in any competitive event. AIA Winter Retreat, our first event in our next ministry assignment with Cru, was a sweet time of dreaming of how God would use us to build movements of athletes and coaches on sports teams here in San Antonio.

We got to know students and saw the incredible need these athletes have to understand that God's love for them is not based on their performance. We look forward to seeing many student athletes come to know Jesus over these next few years.

We also got to see how these same students have been gifted with both drive and determination and a unique position on campus to make the name of Jesus known broadly. I think of how Patrick Mahomes was seen praying in each end zone before the Super Bowl this year. You can go on YouTube and hear him talk about how his desire is to glorify God in all he does, win or lose. Somehow athletes have been given a larger than life voice in our world and we look forward to allowing athletes here in San Antonio to proclaim Jesus to the students, campus, city and the world.

Ministering *To and Through* student athletes is something that we believe God has called us to in this next season. Thank you for being with us in this! We don't know exactly what God will do over the next few years, but I can only imagine that students will come to know Jesus, will use their platform for God's kingdom, and will take their faith with them into the world whether their athletic career continues or not.

“Put me in the game coach!” Reading through “On Your Mark,” a book on how to minister to college athletes, I read, *“History and God’s Word make it clear that prayer is more than preparation for the work — it is the work.”* We want to live that out. As we go about launching these movements this semester, I am asking you to join us in an unbroken 3 month prayer chain.

Would you join us by signing up for a day or for a couple days between Feb 15 and May 15? I'll then text you specific prayer requests for that day. To sign up please send me an email at dan.gerard@cru.org. Please include the phone number where you'd like to receive the prayer request texts.

As you pray, dream with me about what God will do as we seek his face together!

