A WORD FROM

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IF HE DOESN'T LEAD, I'M NOT GOING. IF HE IS LEADING, I CAN'T RESIST GOING...

We are SO thankful for your prayers as we have been in transition back to the USA! We have felt them strongly as the Lord has met us step by step. Things wrapped up incredibly well as we finished our STINT in Sydney. The goodbyes were hard, but we had good closure and debriefed with our staff team about the time working together and about future steps. Our trip home went really well and AJ traveled like a champ! There have been moments for all of us of feeling overwhelmed by the changes, but we are settling in and excited to be home. We were especially blessed by time with our families over Christmas and the beginning of the New Year! It was so great to have quality time and the opportunity to make memories together.

We are now settling into Xenia, Ohio, where AIA's world headquarters is. God has provided an INCREDIBLE blessing through a local church allowing us to use their missionary home, since we are not sure how long the Lord will have us in Xenia! "GRACE PLACE" is the name of the house from Xenia Grace Chapel Church, and we're definitely experiencing God's grace through it already in these first few weeks.

what does ministry look like in xenia...

Being back here at AIA's Headquarters in Xenia is a blessing! We are thankful to be in a place with resources and opportunities to be both equipped, but also to serve at the same time. Athletes in Action has encouraged us to be part of a program they call The Wellspring (from Proverbs 4:23). It is for staff who are in transition and guides them in seeking the Lord for what He is leading them too next within AIA, but also helps them to be part of short term ministry roles here. We will be studying a book with a life coach called <u>Discover Who You Are</u> one day a week. John Reutener is coaching Kyle while his wife, Lisa, is coaching Jayne. John & Lisa served short term in South Africa, so they have experience with the kind of transition we are in the midst of.

Athletes in Action is GREAT at using the platform of sports in a variety of ways to reach people for Christ! One key way that we have been utilizing over the years is capitalizing on major sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, NCAA Final Four, NBA All-Star Game & AlA's Night of Champions. AlA hosts award ceremonies and outreach breakfasts or dinners around these events to share the Gospel with a world that is fascinated with the event that is at the center of attention. Kyle will be assisting in the planning and putting on of these events over the next several months. These are unique ministry opportunities in that we are ministering both to the athletes involved in the events, but ALSO ministering to the community. This happens as athletes use their platform and share how their lives have been impacted by Christ and share their testimonies at the outreach events. Each outreach is at the location of the major sporting event and sanctioned by the leading organization (ie. NFL, NBA or NCAA). Award recipients are chosen by being voted for by their peers within their sport, coaches & AlA. Those who receive the awards are being encouraged and exhorted for exemplifying character in the home, on the field of competition, on their teams, and in the community.



AJ "writing" to Santa (above); Our new home "Grace Place" (top right) & AJ enjoying meeting and playing with his cousin Keaton & Uncles Damon and Scott! (right).



- ~ Praise the Lord with us for how He has been meeting our needs and providing for us, often through your generosity! We are thankful to Him AND you!
- Please pray for us as we learn our new roles and embrace the opportunities the Lord has for us to serve Him. Its new territory and so there is LOTS to figure out.
- Please also pray for our family's health. We have been sick a lot going through our recent transitions.

Your generosity is so appreciated! **THANK YOU!** We are so grateful for how you partner with us in serving the Lord!

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