



Eli's Impact We are thankful to have known and been impacted by the life of Eli Stickley. Eli was a wrestler at University of Wisconsin who died tragically in a car accident this summer. This experience has dramatically impacted UW, the athletic department, the wrestling team, and our AIA community. Eli loved Jesus and loved giving others the opportunity to experience the love & joy of Christ. He lived passionately and intentionally and the ripple effect of his story is being

felt throughout the wrestling world beyond UW. Eli invested his life for God's glory in many ways, one of which was how he lead within Athletes in Action. He was a student leader, a Ultimate Training Camp Intern & shone brightly the light of Christ in the ways he made people feel special. Our staff team had the honor of being part of his celebrations of life in different ways. We have been privileged to come along side the grieving teammates and friends he has left behind and point them to hope in the Lord when circumstances and life feel confusing and uncertain. For many of these young men and women it is their first time navigating loss like this. We have been learning and growing as a team in how to care for people as they grieve and how to enter in and lead in this area. We have been especially thankful for the care and guidance of Kyle's family (John, Barb, Damon & Johannah) as they have come to Madison and shared their experiences in funeral service & grief care. They have equipped our staff team with some personal development and ministry training workshops focused on death & dying and leading others in the grieving process. We continue to be in awe of God in how He brings redemption. Please keep Eli's family and the UW athletic dept. in your prayers as we begin this new school year.



Freshman Focus

Each Friday our staff team takes time to "PFTF" ...

Pray For The Freshmen.

This mission is fueled by a vision and hope of what could happen if this was the most spiritually open class the UW athletic department has ever had. Please join us in praying especially for the Freshmen who are about to begin this new season of life! Pray that they would be sensitive to the Lord pursuing them and respond to Him and fall in love with Him. Pray that they would hunger for His Word and let Him speak to their hearts and minds and change their lives from the inside out!



On The Homefront... This summer has been full of different highlights, especially quality time together! Kyle & Jayne got to celebrate 10 years of marriage. We are humbled by all the ways God has lead us and provided for us this past decade and allowed us to be a team in serving Him.

We have really enjoyed the past few months, but are also really excited for all that He has for us in the 2018-19 school year. AJ will begin 3rd grade and Leisel starts Kindergarten. George is going to miss having his buddies at home with him, but we are looking forward to being together while they are in school. He has been making big steps through his speech therapy and we are continuing to trust God for his developing vocabulary! Please keep our family in your prayers as we start a new school year.



Prayer Requests:

~ Please pray for the new school year and opportunities to connect with athletes as we ask coaches for permission to have team meetings.

~ Please continue to pray for us as we keep grafting into life in Madison. Its been an awesome first year, but its a long process to build new relationships & takes patience and persistence.

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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